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LIBERIA IS NOW CENTER OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

OUTBREAK AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

By Natives Near Cape Palmas—United States Rendering Aid By Virtue of Treaty—Bundy for Secretary of Monrovia.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

Washington, D. C., April 6.—Liberia has occupied a large place in the public eye within the past fortnight. The current dispatches have told of the outbreak of the natives near Cape Palmas against the general government, and of the hurried departure of the cruiser Birmingham to the scene to assist the administration of President Barclay to preserve order and to prevent foreign encroachments upon Liberian territory under the cover of apparent civil war. The seriousness of the situation, as reported from the African republic, seems to have warranted the sending of another gunboat to the Liberian coast, and a second vessel is being placed in commission at Hampton Roads for a relief expedition. As is well known, the United States is intervening in this matter by virtue of a treaty permitting such aid, entered into in 1862.

The report of the Liberian Commission, named by President Taft, to make a thorough investigation of the political, industrial and social conditions existing in the country across the sea, has been the subject of general discussion during the past week, both in Congress and out. The recommendations of the Commission, as transmitted to Congress by President Taft with a special message of approval, were, in substance, as follows:

1. That the United States extend aid to Liberia in the settlement of pending boundary disputes.
2. That the United States enable Liberia to refund its debt by assuming as a guarantee for the payment of obligations under such an arrangement the control and collection of the Liberian customs.
3. That the United States lend its assistance in the reform of internal finances.
4. That the United States lend its aid in organizing and drilling an adequate constabulary or frontier police force.
5. That the United States establish a research station in Liberia.
6. That the United States reopen the question of establihsing a naval coaling station in Liberia.

Describing the unfavorable attitude of the foreign powers toward Liberia, and showing how Liberia's resources and financial interests, as well as the integrity of her domain, were menaced by covetous European governments, the Commission concludes its report with this summary of the case:

"The logic of the situation in the minds of the Liberians points therefore to the United States as the only country that can give them effective aid. Of all Liberia's friends, she alone is open to no suspicion of ulterior designs upon Liberia, and she alone can give assurances to Great Britain, Germany and France that the legitimate interests of those countries in Liberia, whatever they may be, will not be placed in jeopardy by her actions."

The popular judgment of the diplomats and laymen in Washington, as well as of Congress, is that the situation is hopeless for the little nation unless the United States steps in, and solves her problems for her—and this is pretty sure to be done.

United States Minister Ernest Lyon sailed on the Birmingham for Monrovia, with sealed instructions, for which he has long been waiting, and last week our Military Attache, Lieut, Benjamin O. Davis of the 10th United States Cavalry, followed him. Lieut. Davis was accompanied to the Liberian capital by his wife and child, and is prepared to make as long a stay there as the circumstances demand. Miss Mary V. Dickerson, sister of Mrs. Davis, went as far as New York to see the party off.

Lieut. Davis will be called upon to lend a hand in the organization of the Liberian constabulary, and his military experience will give him an especial fitness for this arduous task. Help will probably be extended him from the regular army of the United States, or by retired soldiers who are physically able to undertake the work. Prominently mentioned in this connection is Sergeant Jesse J. James, now in the War Department at Washington, but who won distinction in the Philippines as an officer of the 48th Regiment of Volunteers, detached and allied with the Philippine Scouts during the hottest part of the insurrection against the American arms. Sergeant James is highly recommended by officers who observed his soldierly bearing in the Philippines, and his claims will no doubt receive careful consideration at the proper time. Minister Lyon, who was so deeply impressed with the thoroughness of the industrial training offered at Tuskegee Institute, and Bishop I. B. Scott, of the M. E. Church of Liberia, who has been an ardent believer in the efficacy of manual skill in building up pioneer countries, will put their shoulders to the wheel and establish at Monrovia a school similar to Tuskegee and see to it that the natives of the progressive tyye are given a full course in the trades and mechanical arts. It may be that Dr. Booker T. Washington may be induced to take a trip over there later on and give the movement its initial "boost." He is being persuaded to do so by the American Legation, all of the religious denominations represented at Monrovia, and by the officers of the general government. It will also be of interest to note that a new cable line, an extension of that owned by the German government, has been opened between Teneriff and Monrovia. Eventually this cable is to be extended to South America.

At this distance the future of the Afro-American republic seems to be unusually bright. By and by, the organization of the customs service will call for competent accountants, colectors, etc., and it is the general belief that they will, for the most part, be chosen from the colored citizenry of this country.

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Mr. Richard C. Bundy's name has been sent to the Senate as the choice of the President for Secretary of Legation at Monrovia, and it is understood that the much examined young Ohioan will accept the place. The salary is said to be $2,500—a larger amount than he could hope for at this time as an entrant into the consular service, to which he at first aspired.

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The movement of Attorney N. B. Marshall in refusing to plead in the case of the soldiers alleged to have been implicated in the Brownsville "shoot-up," has created something of a sensation, but is pretty generally approved by the experienced lawyers of the District, who say that, under the circumstances, there was little else he could do. Col. A. S. Daggett, for the accused men, delivered a strong argument, basing his demand for acquittal on the old-fashioned contention that any man is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty, and that it is better than one hundred guilty men escape than that one be made to suffer unjustly. The decision is now in the hands of the court and a final report is expected at an early date. Attorney Marshall, who has given much of his time to the case for the past three years, is silent as to what action he will take in the event of his clients' conviction.

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Prof. Roscoe Conkling Bruce, Assistant Superintendent of the Washington public schools, definitely announces that he is not a candidate for the Haitien mission.

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The graduates of Shaw University residing in Washington have organized a Shaw University Club, with Rev. M. W. D. Gorman, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, as president. J. A. Lankford, M. M. S., is first vice-president; Rev. J. D. Pair is corresponding secretary, and A. W. Scott, LL. B., is treasurer. There is quite a number of Shaw graduates in the city and all are invited to become members.

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The funeral of Mr. Benjamin Alexander Chase took place Wednesday last from the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. He was a member of John F. Cook Lodge, No. 1185, G. U. O. of O. F., under the auspices of which the obsequies were held, with H. J. McEntree, N. G. and James W. Richardson, P. S., in charge. Mr. Chase was well known and was recorded as one of our most valuable citizens.

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The delineation of the story of "Samson and Delilah" by Lawyer James H. Hayes, of Richmond, Va., last Friday night at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church was a fine dramatic and musical triumph. He was assisted by the well trained choir of the church, under the direction of Prof. John T. Layton. The success of the unique entertainment reflected great credit on the managerial skill of Miss Marie A. D. Madre, a popular teacher in our public schools.

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A party consisting of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis, Mrs. E. D. Williston and others are on a visit to Tuskegee Institute and are studying social and industrial problems at close range in the South. Dr. Curtis, together with the remainder of the party, attended the sessions of the Alabama State Medical Association at Birmingham and delivered a scholarly address on "The Treatment of Appendicitis," attracting widespread attention at the hands of the local physicians of both races and securing liberal notice in the white dailies of Birmingham.

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It is given out upon what is regarded as good authority that the name of Mr. James C. Napier, of Nashville, Tenn., will go to the Senate within the next few weeks for an important federal berth. A close friend of Mr. Napier, however, also states that any mention of the name of the polished Tenneseean in connection with any position now held by a colored man is without his authority and is not in accord with good taste at this time. No one seems to know just what place has been selected for Mr. Napier, but that he will land something big is on the cards, as sure as fate. The race has not a more deserving man than Mr. Napier and his success would be the signal for general rejoicing. He is pre-eminently a man of the people—a leader who knows how to lead.

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President Taft has been invited to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua, the magnificent institution which is being established at Durham, N. C., by Dr. James E. Shepard, for the moral and industrial elevation of the Negro people. The ceremonies are to take place the last of May or early in June, to suit the convenience of the President. Gen. Julian S. Carr, president of the First National Bank at Durham, and Hon. E. C. Duncan, republican national committeeman for North Carolina, and Rabbi Simon, of the Hebrew Temple, of this city, trustees of the institution, were introduced to the President by Senator Overman, of North Carolina. The President will try to adjust his engagements so as to accept the invitation. It is because Dr. Shepard's magnetic personality has been able to draw about him this class of influential men that he is on the high road toward success with his stupendous undertaking. Work is being pushed on the main auditorium and all will be in readiness for the opening of the summer Chautauqua and institute on July 5.

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Howard University carried off the honors last Friday night in the annual debate with Fisk University upon the question of whether or not the United States should have an income tax. The Howard debaters discussed the affirmative side of the question and succeeded in putting forth such a substantial argument that the result was almost a foregone conclusion before the results were announced. The audience taxed the capacity of Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. C. D. Washington, J. H. Morris and William A. Love represented Howard University, and J. E. Allison, James E. Stamps and Chas. Payne were the members of the Fisk team. A similar debate was being held the same night at Atlanta University, and a telegram arrived at a late hour conveying the news that Howard's other team had "won out" on the same subject, sustaining the negative side, however, against the Atlanta University oratorical gladiators.

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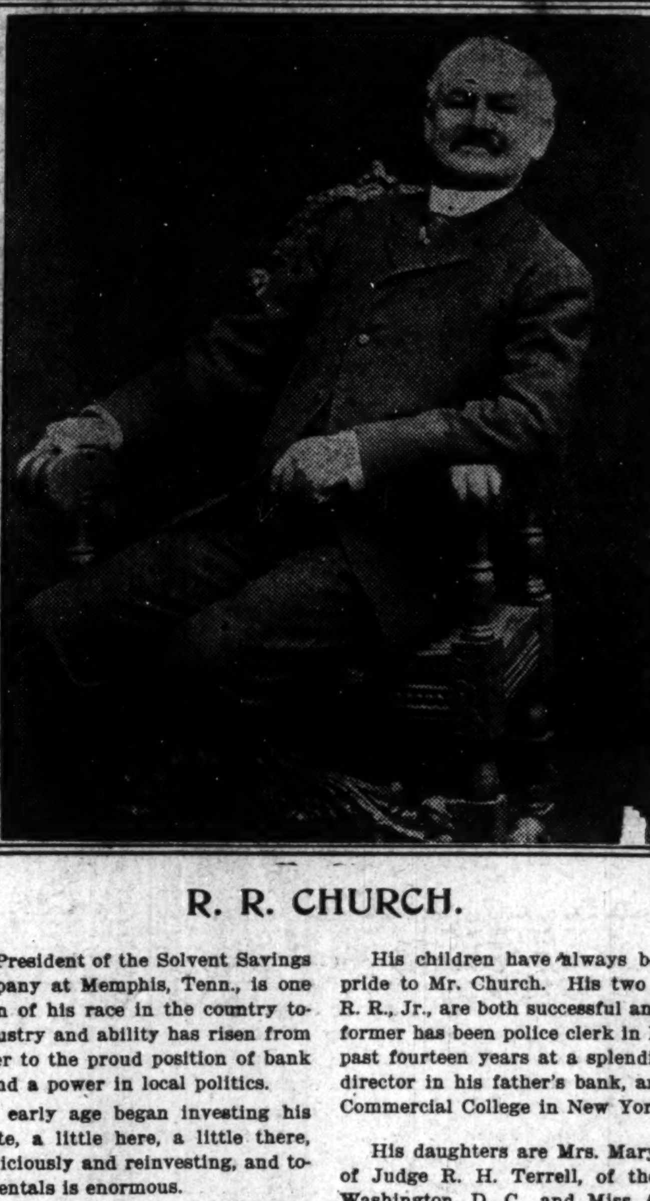
Colored clerks are multiplying at the Census Office, and over twelve hundred Negro enumerators will have work in the field.

R. W. THOMPSON.



R. R. CHURCH.

Mr. R. R. Church, President of the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company at Memphis, Tenn., is one of the most noted men of his race in the country today, and by sheer industry and ability has risen from cabin boy on a steamer to the proud position of bank president, capitalist and a power in local politics.

Mr. Church at an early age began investing his earnings in real estate, a little here, a little there, buying and selling judiciously and reinvesting, and today his income from rentals is enormous.

His two best known properties are the Church Auditorium and Park on Beale avenue, and the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the country owned and operated by his race.

Mr. Church has been twice married, and his present wife (a Miss Anna S. Wright) is a graduate of Antioch College in Ohio, and was for several years principal in a public school. She is an accomplished musician, and has held many responsible positions in lodges and societies.

His children have always been a great source of pride to Mr. Church. His two sons, Thomas A. and R. R., Jr., are both successful and prominent men; the former has been police clerk in New York City for the past fourteen years at a splendid salary; the latter a director in his father's bank, and is now attending a Commercial College in New York.

His daughters are Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, wife of Judge R. H. Terrell, of the Municipal Court of Washington, D. C., and Miss A. E. Lane Church, a junior at Oberlin College in Ohio.

Mr. Church is held in high esteem, not only by his own race, but by the best of the white people of the country. Broad minded and liberal, he has done much to advance his people, and no worthy person or enterprise has been refused when aid was really needed. He is a citizens of the best type, loyal to his city and his State, an ideal husband, a tender father, and is justly proud of the accomplishments of his wife and children.

BROWNSVILLE IS UPHELD.

Blames Officers of the Regiment for Shooting Up of Texas Town.

Special to The Freeman.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The military court of inquiry, which during the last year has been investigating the shooting of Brownsville, Tex., finds that the evidence clearly sustains the charge that the shooting was done by soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, colored.

The court is also of opinion that if the officers of the regiment had performed their respective duties immediately prior to the shooting the affray could not have occurred. Furthermore, if the officers had performed their duties immediately after the shooting some of the guilty men would have been discovered. Fourteen men belonging to the Twenty-fifth Infantry are declared to be eligible for reenlistment. As to the charges made by the mayor and citizens of Brownsville, Tex., the court is of the opinion that:

1. The soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry stationed at Ft. Brown, Tex., did on the night of August 13-14, 1906, shoot into houses of the town of Brownsville, Tex., occupied by men, women and children, killing Frank Natus, a citizen of that town; seriously wounding Lieutenant of Police M. Y. ominguez, causing him the loss of an arm, and killing the horse under him. The court is unanimous in its opinion that the evidence sustains the charges.

Could Have Been Averted.

2. As to the disciplinary aspect of their case, including the performance of duty by officers and enlisted men of the Twenty-fifth Infantry garrisoned in Ft. Brown, Tex., on the night of August 13-14, 1906, as measured by the standard in the army, the court is of the opinion that if the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates had performed their respective duties on the evening of August 13, immediately prior to the shooting affray, with appreciation of the obligations and responsibilities devolving upon them by the serious situation then confronting them, the shooting affray could not have occurred. Also, if immediately after the shooting when the men had been charged with the crime, a careful inspection of every man in the garrison, including his arms, equipment and ammunition, had been made, as was attempted at daylight, several hours afterward, some of the guilty men would have been discovered.

3. As to eligibility to reinstatement, a majority of the court finds favorably as to the qualifications of the following men: Company B, Twenty-fifth Infantry, Jones A. Coltran, Edward L. aniels, Edward Warfield; Company C, Lewis J. Baker, Clifford I. Adair, Henry W. Arvin, Calvin Smith, John Smith; Company , Robert Williams, Winter Washington, Elias Gant, John A. Jackson, Samuel E. Scott and William Van Hook.

Brigadier General Theodore Schwan does not concur in the second conclusion. Lieutenant General Samuel B. M. Young and Major General Joseph P. Fanger do not concur in the third conclusion.

The court adjourned sine die.

According to t tehrems of the act creating the board of inquiry, the findings are final and can not be reviewed by any one.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

Dallas is a great place to many visitors who come and go. Were here Easter Sunday and enjoyed services at the various edifices....Mr. George Thompson is home from Clarksville, where he was called to the rescue of his father, who is mentally ill....Major General R. R. Jackson, of Chicago, Ill., in company of Inspector General and Brigade General Eugene Turner and W. D. Donifer, of Fort Worth, Tex., were entertained Wednesday night, March 30, at 566 Main St., by the officers and members of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias and visitors of the order to a smoker, arriving here at 4:00 o'clock p. m., in a down-pouring rain. They were met at the station by Captains J. L. Jones, of Co. 4, and J. G. Griffin, of Co. 15, and were escorted over the city in carriages, and shown as many places of Negro enterprise as a four-hour drive would pemit. During this time brief stops were made at the following places, where courtesies were shown in abundance to the distinguished guests: Hooper's drug store, S. M. T. building, Mrs. M. C. Griffin's residence, H. W. Scott Grocery Company, Odd Fellow and Masonic halls, Public School buildings and grounds, Mrs. Jack Bagsby's residence; thence to the Armory, where the generals each made brief talks on the orders of obeying. General Jackson made the rousing speech, and it is hoped it will help much in the future to create more interest in the order. His words were several times interrupted by deafening applause, this being the first time General Jackson has been this far in the Southwest to be with many of the men who have been in correspondence with him for several years, but had never met them face to face. It proved more than a task on his part and theirs to mix business with pleasure. However, it was satisfactorily done, and when the party of braves began to let the curls of smoke ascend, they gave short talks and drank to the health of the guests....Mrs. Bettie Welch, one of the oldest colored pioneer citizens, was buried here Saturday. She reared one of the largest families in and about this city. She was loved by all who knew her....Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor, a fine baby girl....An Explanation to the public and members of Guess-Who Club: As president I wish to infrom you one and all that I will never take any part in the street corner controversy about the management of the business end between Messrs. Lone and James. Capt. J. L. Jones is making some fine views and scenes of prominent places in and about Dallas, which he will put on exhibition soon....J. H. Hutchison opened the Jersey Palace last Thursday....Respectfully Capt. J. G. Griffin, The Freeman man.

PERU, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

The social given by the Williing Workers was a success. The Easter services were well attended. The church was beuutifully decorated by Mrs. Frank Moss. Rev. Cassy Jackson is doing good work. The choir sang some beautiful songs.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Special to The Freeman:

Quinn chapel, A. M. E. church, helds its second uarterly meeting Sunday evening. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Phillips, of St. Peter's A. M. E. chapel....The U. B. F. Concert Band, formerly Simms' Post Office Boys' Band, will give a grand musical concert on Friday evening, in Blumenthal's hall for the benefit of Elijah No. 2, U. B. F....Rev. I. Garland Penn addressed the Epworth League on Sunday evening at Union Memorial church....Madame Hackley and some of the best musical talent of the city will give a grand musical concert at the Odeon Wednesday evening....Miss Mae Wilburn has just returned after a successful school term.

PROGRESS OF PYTHIANISM

PROPERTY PURCHASED TO ERECT TEMPLE

CONFERENCE IN INTEREST OF ORDER

Held at Louisville—Dr. Oliver Goes to New York for Special Course—W. H. Parker for Private Messenger.

By Cary B. Lewis.

Special to The Freeman:

Louisville, Ky., April 6.—The Knights of Pythias of Kentucky are experiencing a great deal of progress during the past month. Since the opening of spring, reports have been heard from most of the lodges throughout the State, and H. F. Jones, Grand Chancellor, stated to the representative of The Freeman that the order was in better shape than ever.

Prof. Jones was here in company with the Rev. J. M. Monday, of Henderson; A. L. Garvin, Harrodsburg; D. Owen Robinson, Frankfort; J. H. Garvin, Winchester, and J. L. V. Washington, Louisville, members of the Industrial Bureau, for a conference.

These representatives hail from various parts of the State and they, too, declared that Pythianism was on the upward march. Each stated that the lodges were in perfect condition, new members were being added and the uniform ranks were growing. Uppermost in the minds of most Pythians in the State is the annual Grand Lodge, to be held at Frankfort, Ky., in July. Word reached here Sunday that Dr. E. E. Underwood, W. W. Wilson and D. Owen Robinson have launched a paper in the interest of the coming Grand Lodge.

The Pythians realize that since the Odd Fellows are to hold their State Grand Lodge at Frankfort, and they are going to make it the best efforts to outstrip the growing Order of Odd Fellows.

One of the incentives to Pythianism in this city is the fact that a fine lot has been purchased at the corner of Tenth and Chestnut Streets, on which site will be erected a $50,000 Pythian Temple. Already the site has been purchased and the Board of Control is expected to meet in this city to perfect arrangements along this line. Every night new members are being added to the nine Pythian Lodges in this city, and the membership is also increasing in the Court of Calanthe.

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William D. Evans, a graduate of the Central High School, who has been located in Chicago for several weeks, was in the city last week to visit his father, who is ill at his home on West Walnut street. Mr. Evans is associated with Mr. Craig C. Williams, of Chicago, and they have written eleven new songs this season, and the latest one is the "Chanticler Craze," which is said to be the hit of the two continents. Eleven thousand are said to have been sent to England by a Chicago firm. Messrs. Evans and Williams have been in vaudeville doing a singing and sketch turn, which is also said to be very clever. Mr. Evans is well known here and his many friends are glad to hear of his success.

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Dr. Richard Oliver, one of the leading practioners of the city, who has been an eye specialist for the past two years, has gone to New York City to attend one of the leading medical universities of that city to take a special course on the eye, ear, nose and throat. Dr. Oliver is the first physician of Kentucky to branch out in this direction, and he has been much encouraged by white and colored physicians in this section.

He has made a great deal of success as a regular physician and surgeon, and seeing the opportunity to prepare himself for an eye and nose specialist, he left for New York, to be gone six weeks. During his absence he left his practice with Dr. Robert Oliver, his brother. Just before Dr. Richard Oliver left the city he attended Mr. George White, who was very ill at his home in the East End.

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Mr. J. B. Cooper, of the Watson Undertaking establishment, entertained Tuesday night of this week, the Falls City Realty Company, at his home, 1105 West Chestnut street. Mrs. Lavenia Watson Cooper served the gentlemen a swell luncheon and the evening was very pleasantly spent.

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The many friends of Mr. W. H. Parker are pushing him for private messenger to the Hon. H. H. Thatcher, who has been appointed to the Panama Canal Commission by President Taft. Mr. Parker is one of the rising young men of the city and became widely known for his activity in the last election in behalf of Mayor Grinstead.

In 1904 he was alternate-at-large to the Republican Convention that elected ex-President Roosevelt, and was an original Taft man in the State of Kentucky. He is aggressive and was a great favorite at the City Hall under the Grinstead administration. He is a graduate of the State University and a student of law. Mr. Parker is personally known with Mr. Thatcher, and there is much hope that he will land the place.

His wife, Mrs. Larreta V. Parker, has just been appointed census enumerator in this district. She is a graduate of Emerson Institute, Mobile, Ala., and the A. and M. College, Normal, Ala. Since her stay in Kentucky she has been one of the most competent county teachers.

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Miss India Harris spent several days at French Lick Springs, Ind.

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Mrs. Mattie Frye Young and her son Julius have returned from French Lick Springs after a stay of several days.

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Hugh Taylor will open a soda fountain and buffet lunch room at 1103 West Chestnut street. There will be a grand opening on Sunday.

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On Friday night of this week the Entre Nous Club will entertain at Odd Fellows' Hall, Thirteenth and Walnut streets.

IN MARCH.

(Josephine S. Yates, A. M., Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo.)

In early morn, with changing shades
Of somber gray, blent in a monotone,
The clouds, borne hither, thither, come and go,
While fitful winds do moan.

The snowflakes hurry-skurry to the earth,
Now fine and thick, now spaced and burly;
But presto, change! forth shines the sun in mirth,
And flinging threats, defies the winds so surly.

The leaf-buds smile, the sunbeams flash,
For now the hounds of Spring advancing,
Shall snap the frost king's sinewy lashes!
And see, the merry elves are dancing!

Too soon, alas! for darkling clouds obscure the king of day,
And baffling winds again renew their strife,
The storm king now flies fiercely on his way,
And gains from rest a dangerous life.

So thus, and ever, day in, day out,
The boughs of birch, of oak, of larch—
All life—must change, and turn, and whirl about,
With Nature's varying moods, in March.

WHY EVERY MAN AND WOMAN SHOULD OWN STOCK AND MAKE DEPOSITS IN THE ALABAMA PENNY SAVINGS BANK, 217 N. EIGHTEENTH STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

First, because it is worthy of confidence of the people. Its cash is kept in burglar-proof safes, with triple time locks, which cannot be opened until regular banking hours—in a vault that has stood the test of fire without damaging its contents.

The money is insured in strong companies, which are absolute protection against loss by burglars. The officers are heavily bonded in strong companies, and they have prayerfully studied the business for twenty years, not for the purpose of getting rich as an end, but as a means in the righteous use of money in the elevation of the race.

Hence it is easily seen that twenty years of prayerful and diligent study makes an invisible but profitable asset to any business.

Second, because it offers splendid opportunities for investment. Investments by stock in our bank are continuously at work in three-fold capacity—in the interest of the owner, the banker who loans it, and the party who borrows it. Instead of having it lying around, not invested, our stock being sold at five dollars per share, invites the investment of the children as well as the grown people, to take part in the efforts to accumulate by investing.

Third, it multiplies opportunities for a high-class labor. Our capital stock not only affords work for the intelligent mind and trained hand of those who are immediately in our services in the bank at Birmingham, Selma, Anniston and Montgomery, but wherever it is invested, the opportunities for this class of labor are multiplied. For instance, wherever we loan money to an insurance company, grocery business or any other kind of commercial institution, there are profitable and honorable places for this class of people to occupy with a better rate of wages.

Fourth, the money is helping in the construction of mediums of circulation by which the profits of our consumption accrue to our good. For instance, by capable people endeavoring to build commercial institutions, so that they can sell us our foodstuffs, clothing, furniture and other commodities, the profits are left with those offering the goods for sale, and enriching them and preparing them for the aggregation of wealth within the race, as now the money is brought in the race only by the common laborer, and when it passes out of the race, but very few of our high-class laborers help in bringing it back. Therefore, it is very important that a young race as we establish a medium of circulation of our money that will in some measure substitute the loss that we sustain because of the color line preventing our assimilation in the fabric of business on the basis of merit.

We should be just as faithful in building a channel of circulation of our money as the white people are for themselves. We can easily afford to take their example in this particular in building up a good, strong trade among Negroes.

Fifth, it would strengthen the helpful hand of our bank, which we are extending outside of the Birmingham district in the State and out of it. In the establishment of our chain of branch banks, we not only give employment to additional forces such as they could not get out of the race, but the money is at the service of the people in these localities, with all of the facilities of any other bank.

In our efforts to pass from a restricted field, in the Birmingham district, to Alabama and adjoining Staets, we can put into active use the large amount of money that is now inactive, owned by Negroes.

Therefore, since the very nature of our institution, irrespective of our locality or amounts of money or religious denominations, any and all members of the race, by proper connection with us, can be benefited by our institution. And we earnestly appeal to the readers of this article that they would think and act wisely in this great effort of unity in bettering racial conditions. We shall be glad to furnish any specific information when asked.

W. R. PETTIFORD, President.

THANKS, BRO. OWLS.

South Bend, Ind., March 21, 1910.

We, the officers of the A. A. O. O. O., hastily forward you much thanks for the service and satisfaction given in the work we have received from you.

We also appreciate the good done us through the ad in The Freeman, and sincerely promise all future work which we may need to have done from tiem to time.

Hoping you success, I remain,

Yours truly,
G. W. BLAND, H. S. P.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to **The Freeman**:

We had plenty of rain here March 30 and 31....Mrs. Lydie Armstrong, the mother of Sam Williams, died last week, after a short illness. She was a member of Duck Creek Church and had been for years. She died like she lived—a Christian....Horace Walton has been sick for some time with pneumonia, not able to be out....Miss Clara Witherspoon was very ill last week....Ed Walter is one of the best young cooks in the city. He has been cooking at the Railroad Eating House for some time....J. Thomas cut himself last week very badly on the right knee. He will not be able to do anything for some time....Jasper Flournoy, who was shot in Dallas over a year ago, is still in bed. ....Rev. S. M. Brooks has a store in the southeast part of the city, and it is handy for all....Sandy Anderson has papers on sale each week. See him.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING AT THE SUMMER SCHOOL AT DURHAM, N. C.,

For Negro religious workers of all kinds, promises to be of unusual interest.

Among those already engaged to conduct classes are the following:

Miss Laura C. Faucett, Pittsburg, Pa., teacher of Domestic Science.

Prof. C. G. O'Kelly, Principal Slater Normal School, Winston, N. C.

Miss Grace Hemmingway, Indiana.

Prof. C. H. Boyer, St. Augustine School, Raleigh, N. C.

Dr. D. Webster Davis, Richmond, Va.

Prof. T. A. Long, Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C.

Dr. John E. Ford, Jacksonville, Fla.

Archdeacon George W. Avant, New Bern, N. C.

Rev. Dr. M. W. Gilbert, New York City.

Prof. P. W. Dawkins, Durham, N. C.

Rev. Dr. Jesse L. Hurlburt, Newark, N. J.

Prof. W. H. Hannum, Livingston College, Salisbury, N. C.

Prof. P. W. Moore, State Normal School, Elizabeth City, N. C., and others.

Preachers here may obtain renewed inspiration. Evangelists will be sure to get additional lights. Missionaries, deaconesses, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. workers will receive instruction having direct bearing on their work. Besides these, classes will be formed in Domestic Science, Arts and Crafts, Needlework and Shorthand. In these latter, eminent teachers have been secured so that teachers may be instructed in normal methods along these lines.

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Negroes are to have a Chautanqua at Durham, N. C., next summer. President James E. Shepard is now engaged in booking talent for the occasion. Several persons of eminent qualifications or national reputation have been tentatively secured. As soon as contracts are signed they will be announced.

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION ENDORSED.

Mr. President:

Your committee upon whom you conferred the duty of preparing resolutions expressive of the sense of this Sunday Men's Club, do here report the following:

Inasmuch as, by reason of Victory, Providence or the Hand of God, four millions of slvase were made free in the year 1863, A. D., and

Whereas, we are of, or direct descendents of, these freedmen herein referred, and

Whereas, such freedom brought with it responsibilities, penury and prejudice, coupled with ignorance, superstition and depravity, and

Whereas, the people here considered, and their posterity, have shouldered their resopnsibilities, have sealed the four walls of their penury and made prejudice a bug-bear; furthermore, they have reduced their illiteracy less than one-half by producing a degree of intelligence before which superstition and depravity could not stand, and

Whereas, in view of the fact that these ex-slaves and their offspring have delved so deeply into the resources of nature and intellectual accomplishments, have played their part in the arena of the statesman, philosopher, poet and the genius, producing coompeers in every avenue of life.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Men's Sunday Men's Club of the City of Spokane, in the State of Washington, do heartily endorse the movement looking forward to the holding of the Semi-Centennial Exposition in recognition of the Emancipation Proclamation; because of its power to shed the true light of facts on egro ascendency and on the wisdom, work and worth of our freedom.

Resolved, That we tenderly ask the support of that measure by our Representatives in Congress when the Taylor-Rodenberg bill engages the attention of that august body. Furthermore, be it

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish these proceedings to Congressman Poindexter, of the State of Washington, and to Congressmen E. L. Taylor and W. A. Rodenberg, of Ohio and Illinois, respectively; also to Dr. Booker T. Washington, to the "Forum," and "Spokesman-Review," and place the same within the minutes of this club.

Respectfully submitted,
F. A. STOKES,
W. R. MOTEN,
S. WINCHESTER,
Committee on Resolutions.

J. HARRY HARRIS,
President,
J. F. HAWKINS,
Secretary.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

The dispatches have it that President Taft is openly committed to the restricted ballot, and this is taken to mean that the President is in full sympathy with the present condition of the South. This may be true, but we can hardly see it that way. If this policy as now in vogue was coincident and eliminated all ignorance rather than black ignorance, no one but the ignorant could have a right to complain.—Baptist Vanguard.

Bishop Walters says that "Theodore Roosevelt is the man of destiny, who will be called from the jungles of Africa to again take the reins of government of this republic." A year ago, Bishop Walters would almost swear at the mention of Roosevelt's name.—Journal and Guide.

Colored Girl Prize Pupil.

New York, Feb. 5.—Estelle E. Gibbs, a Negro girl, 15 years old, of Hoboken, N.J., received yesterday the first prize, a gold medal, at the Hoboken public school pupils.

She had the highest average of any public school pupil in the city—99 1-3 per cent, in six subjects. The medal was presented by Mayor Gonzales. There are 10,000 white pupils in the schools and only fifteen Negroes. Only eleven Negro families live in Hoboken. Estelle is the daughter of a Pullman car porter.—Indianapolis Star.

First Colored Woman Dentist.

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Self-Help.

Hardships, poverty and difficulties of all kinds in early life develop and bring out the heroic qualities of a young, manly spirit, and assist in making it great, strong and wise, if it ever becomes such. Whereas, if the pathway of a young man or woman is made easy, safe and smooth before him by aid of others and advice, it will be ruinous to character by making him weak, irresolute and effeminate. A certain amount of hardship in early life seems essential to ultimate success, but every young mind needs to be under the constant watch-care of some protecting parent or guardian to be successful.—Margaret B. Jones, aged 14 years, in the National Baptist Review.

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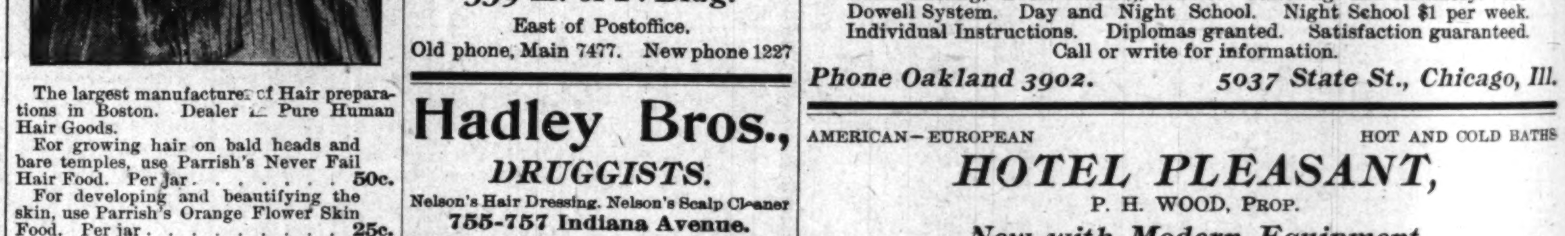

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Mr Editor:

On the 19th day of March, in this year of our Lord, A. D. 1910, I spoke to our race of people through the columns of The Freeman, of Indianapolis, Ind., and through the columns of the Colored Churchman at Shenandoah, Va., and also through other Negro journals, concerning the greatness of the True Light Army and the True Light Army Missionary soldiers of the true light of life.

And I have given the people ample time to think and act upon what I have said, and now I want to say something that I didn't say then. Now listen to what I say: In obedience to God, I am calling for 700,000 volunteer soldiers, for the True Light Army, out of the Negro people. The why I have made plain in previous publications, and I hereby notify our race that I have written a special book to serve as a memorial guide for them as a people, and I have had it printed especially so as to give a copy of it to every honorable, honest and trustworthy member of our entire race of Negro people who greet us and who are in favor of the work of the True Light Army and the motive of the High Educational College of Glory.

And the way I find out who will greet us and who are in favor of the work I am introducing is this: You see, I have asked for liberal volunteer gifts or contributions from personal sympathizers of our work in the Negro race everywhere, and whosoever voluntarily sends us a contribution as per our request, we will take it that they personally are those who are in sympathy with the great and glorious work which we are doing, and as a means of congratulation to each one who sends us, voluntarily, a liberal contribution, we are going to send each of them a copy of the book which we have prepared for our special friends in this whole Negro race of America, who in sending us a gift in money, and claims in writing to us that they are doing so to help us in our great work of saving and uplifting our race of people. To such persons we shall trust to be worthy of one of our special books, which are most valuable for greatness to our people as a race.

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And by the circulation of this book in the Negro race, we will be able to draw out a new creation of royal, united forces of the best characters of our race, which can easily control perpetual prosperity, sufficient in abundance, to deliver every obedient member of the Negro race from evil and oppression forever and ever. I use the word obedient, because there is nothing that I am authorized to do for the disobedient members of our race or for their deliverance, but the people that agree with me and follow the book I give them to go by, they shall see how to take control of the lead of peace and prosperity in the Negro race in every city and town in America, regardless of the will and the approval of other people.

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JUSTIN J. EVANS, D. G.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Do Your Children Sit With You in Church?

Edited by Rev. Henry J. Callis.

As the world moves on and the minds of men and women become more and more transparent, seeing things in such a different way from what our fathers saw them, and trying to be liberal so as to allow every mind to see the thing from its own viewpoint and to feel free in expressing itself as it understands things, is it not possible that some of the fundamentals which have been the means of great and good results are being neglected?

In the early days of our present civilization the family was the rock upon which the church and society rested. The leaders in the community were not chosen because of their appearance, nor for what they represented themselves to be, but because of the home they represented and what they themselves were.

The home, as known in the church life, in society and in political life, was the bond for confidence placed in the individual. The man or woman who appeared in society, what they were and what it was possible for them to become, was very largely determined by the home out of which they came. In those days the newly married couple began life in their community, by selecting for themselves a pew in the church to which they belonged, and the Sunday esrvice found them regularly in their places. As their family grew the number of attendance to their church service increased; year after year they and their children were known in the community by occupying a certain pew in the church to which they belonged.

The children grew to youth, to manhood and womanhood under the influence of the religious fervor of that church. The seed thoughts for their moral and religious life had been so deeply planted that whatever might be their associaton in after lief, they could not forget the influences of the family pew in the old home church. In those good old days the young man or young woman was out of place if they did not sit in the family pew at church; it was not only noticed by the home circle, but was remarked by the best minds of the community that Mary or John, as the case might be, does not sit with the family any more, and it was considered a sign of disrespect, of ingratitude and really a departure from the path of rectitude. It seems to me that if there is any one thing that we are failing in it is this matter of keeping up the standard of the home. Our boys and girls will, in their manhood and womanhood, represent the thought and influence in which they have been reared. When you see young people going to church and sitting in the same seat with father and mother, you place a much higher estimate upon them than you would if you saw them sitting in one of the back seats with a lot of other young people, some of whom you know to be wild and reckless.

The world everywhere recognizes today that "the training of the head, the hand, the heart," is an absolute necessity to the best development of human character. The fact, however, remains that religious training (heart) is of far more importance than that of the head or hand. St. Paul admonishes us that whether there be tongues they shall cease, or whether there be knowledge it shall vanish away; the only human impressions that will withstand the wear of eternity are those made on the human soul. It is therefore the highest duty of every father and mother to see to it that their children receive the best light that they can give them in regard to their soul's salvation.

This matter of the family sitting together in church may seem to the minds of some to be a trivial affair, but upon it hangs the destiny of unborn generations.

The parents who do not realize the importance of this duty, who fail to do their best in making the right impression upon the mind of the child committed to their care, are, I believe, guilty of a transgression the magnitude of the retribution of which reaches far into the eternity.

I imagine that in the judgment we will not be asked why we did not give our children a college education, or why we did not start them on some successful business adventure, but we will be asked why we did not restrain them from wandering away from the house of God and refusing to listen to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It has been my observation that when a family has remained in any church for a number of years and occupied a regular pew, in which all of the members of the family have sat at its regular services, and especially so on Sunday morning, with but few exceptions, they all become Christians, and start out in life on the right path. The rearing of a family under the present conditions of advanced thought puts all parents to the test of their native ability. We hardly know what to say or what to do. Still, the tremendous task is ever before our eyes; we think of it by day and by night; if true parents, we continually pray for guidance in our endeavor to meet this great responsibility. The saddest thought of it all is, that after we have made our greatest sacrifices, performed our most arduous tasks and endured our greatest privations, it is still possible that our children may not be what we desire. But whatever the outcome in the life of our boy or our girl we have this assurance: that duty honestly performed on our part meets the approval of our Heavenly Father, and lays up for us a treasure where the corrupting things of this world cannot alloy. If the boy or girl goes wrong, the consciousness of duty faithfully and honestly done will be a silver lining to any cloud of disappointment, however dark. But if the boy or girl accept of the beneficent inbuence of the religion of Jesus, living a life of honesty and sobriety, making the world brighter and better, our joy for this world and the world to come will be unspeakable and full of glory.

CONGRESS SUBJECTS.

A List of Subjects Prepared for the Fifth Annual Session of the National Baptist Sunday-School Congress, Which Meets in Atlanta, Ga., May 25 to May 30, 1910.

Those desiring to write on or discuss any of the following subjects will select the name and number, prepare a paper on the same, send the information to the secretary of the Congress, come to Atlanta prepared to read the paper, then turn it over to the secretary.

1. A Review of Boyd's Ancient and Modern Sunday School Methods.
2. The Why of the Sunday School Congress.
3. National Baptist Sunday School Publications.
4. The Church and Its Obligation to the Modern Sunday School.
5. The Child, the Point of Contact Between the Parent and the Teacher.
6. The Superintendent, the Center of Influence in the School.
7. The Spiritual Element in the Sunday School.
8. The Intellectual Element in the Sunday School.
9. How to Make the Best Use of the Sunday School Lesson Period.
10. The Importance of Nature Study to the Sunday School Teacher.
11. The Sunday School Teacher and Psychological Principles.
12. The Sunday School Program, with Illustrations.
13. Music in the Sunday School. How and How Not—Illustrative.
14. The Sunday School as a Missionary Agency.
15. The Place and Purpose of the International Sunday School Association.
16. The National Baptist Teacher-Training Service Critically Reviewed.
17. The Religious Value of Annual Methods.
18. The Pastor as General Superintendent.
19. The Social Side of the Sunday School.
20. How Are the Baracas and Philatheas Affecting the Work of the Sunday School?
21. Shall We Have the Director of Education in Our Church and Sunday School Work?
22. Doctrinal and Moral Training in the Sunday School.
23. The Teacher's Life and Influence.
24. Lesson Reviews: How to Conduct Them.
25. The Cradle Roll: What It Is, and How to Conduct It.
26. Country Sunday Schools: Disadvantages.
27. Sunday School Prerequisites: Maps, Charts, Blackboards, etc.
28. The International Sunday School Lesson System, Its History and Influence.

For further information write

HENRY A. BOYD,
Secretary Congress Movement.
523 Second Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

SAMUEL GOMPERS OPPOSES LOCAL OPTION.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in discussing the local option cause in Chicago on March 7, refused an invitation to speak for the Prohibitionists. In explaining his reason for declining Mr. Gompers said that the experience of most cities had shown prohibition to be a failure. "I could not consent to endorse local option, because I am not in sympathy with the movement," said Mr. Gompers.

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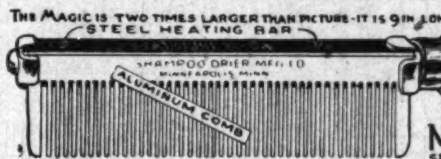
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FIVE THOUSAND MORE BY JUNE 25, 1910.

Here's what we will do to stimulate a country wide campaign for a greater Freeman. We want 5,000 new subscribers on our mailing list, and will give the following premiums to those who will help us to secure them. The premiums are as follows:

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For this contest all communications bearing on it must be addressed to the managing editor, George L. Knox. Get busy!

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Since conventions are in order, what's the matter with calling a convention for the black folks of the State that they might declare themselves on public questions affecting their welfare, politically and otherwise? Shall we call the convention?

We acknowledge the receipt of two new newspapers for our exchange list. They are "The Western Lever" of Stockton, Cal., a neat and well-edited magazine, by Rev. J. D. Petigrew. The other is styled "The Eagle," edited entirely by Afro-American women, at Los Angeles, Cal. J. J. Neimore, general manager. We hereby extend our best wishes and friendly good offices to these journals, and wish them a long and prosperous life.

The Freeman presents its kind regards to the faculty and graduating classes of 1910 of Meharry Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical and Nurse Training colleges of Walden University, Nashville, Tenn., and acknowledges with appreciation their very kind invitation to be present at the commencement exercises for April 14. We notice that of the Medical graduates Indianapolis has one in the person of E. Russell Bailey, son of Rev. J. S. Bailey. Our congratulations to Dr. Bailey and best wishes for his future endeavors in his chosen profession.

Working on the farm is nothing new to the Negro. That is the first position he was allowed to occupy upon his arrival from Africa. All the Negroes cannot make farmers. We want to be advised to go to work in other fields, the same as other races of mankind. Let us also be advised to go to work in the fields of literature, art, science and the professions and "attain unto the unattainable." The Negro's productivities must not be limited to the farm. There are other places besides the farm where he can be useful in his day and generation. Tell the race to be up and doing in every line of useful and praiseworthy endeavor, whether industrial, professional, scientific, political or otherwise. Those whose fathers had but the right to use their hands may now employ their brains. New viewpoints bred of centuries of peasants' dreams and forbidden ambition are dominant.

President Taft has sent a special message to Congress on the problem of Liberia, as reflected from the Commission's report, indicating the importance and necessity as well of the United States to assume the role of active guardianship toward the little Negro republic, which was established under American auspices as an interesting ethnological experiment. The report of the Commission, which is transmitted to the national legislature with the Executive's message, points out in effect that the Liberian State is hard pressed by its British and French neighbors, that its finances are in a chaotic condition, that its powers of policing and defense are defective, and that active participation in the internal affairs of Liberia by the United States is necessary to their reorganization upon a satisfactory and permanent basis. The Commission recommends among other means of making the relations of Liberia and the United States closer, that the United States "establish and maintain a research station" in Liberia, and that the State Department "reopen the question of establishing a naval coaling station in Liberia." Good-by to Liberia if these things take place. We have no faith in American guardianship, but we will suspend judgment until further developments in this case and cause. We wish the American Negro could reimburse the little republic and save the lifetime mortgage to Uncle Sam.

The Republicans of the State met in convention this week and chose a State ticket for State offices and announced a platform more conspicuous for what it neglected to say for the good of the people than what it did say. The center of attraction at the closing session was the speech of United States Senator Beveridge, who came direct from the seat of the Government at Washington to advise a new and untrodden path for the Republicans of the State to go to assured success and victory. In some quarters Mr. Beveridge's speech was denominated as "great," "magnetic," "eloquent" and "inspiring." It was received in silence by a larger number than those that applauded. Some of the delegates were heard to say that now they would vote against Beveridge, especially since it is seen that he has grown larger than the party. Mr. Beveridge indorsed President Taft, but ignored the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill indorsed by the President. He orated against the crime of child labor and the injustice thereof, but never a word on Maryland's disfranchisement laws. He said he stood for the people and the people's interests, but never a word for the Negro people, not a word on the injustice to the Negro people of the State who pay thousands of dollars taxes to support a government in which they are denied the right of representation, and yet we are told that the Senator is a great and true leader of the Republican party, made prominent because it once stood for human rights and justice and fair play to all the people irrespective of race or previous condition of servitude.

A party, like a "house divided against itself," cannot stand.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

From Hon. H. W. Furnis, of the American Legation at Port Au Prince, Haiti, commending The Freeman for its good work in behalf of the race and wishing its special subscription campaign success.

From Bishop A. Grant, telling of the efforts to erect a monument sacred to the memory of John Brown of illustrious fame, by the Western Conferences under his jurisdiction, and soliciting funds therefor.

From Dr. James E. Shephard, president of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua for the colored race, at Durham, N. C., and inclosing a program of the approaching sessions thereof.

From Julian C. Caldwell, D. D., general secretary of the Allen Christian Endeavor League, inclosing an article on "A Decade of the League," and telling of the approaching sessions to be held at Denver, Colo., when the tenth anniversary will be celebrated, this to take place on the second Sunday in May.

From V. P. Thomas, of New Orleans, a long communication for publication.

Letter from our esteemed friend, the Rev. A. L. Demond, pastor of the Congregational church at Macon, Ga., accompanied by a brief note on matters and things.

From R. R. Wright, Jr., of the Christian Recorder, speaking of the forthcoming issue of the "industrial number of the Recorder," in which we have been asked to make a contribution for the delectation of its many readers.

From H. A. Boyd, of the National Baptist Publishing Board of Nashville, telling of the appointment of our Dr. Callis on the Congress program to be held at Atlanta, Ga., in May.

From Rev. J. H. Manly, P. E., saying, "Great is The Freeman."

From A. Eugene Thompson, president of the board of trustees of Lincoln Institute, of Berea, Ky., a long communication telling of the condition of affairs regarding the institute as reflected from the Holland bill, if the same becomes a law.

MINISTERS ARE ASSIGNED.

M. E. Conference, Colored, Makes Changes in Indiana District.

At the session of the Lexington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Conference, colored, held at Maysville, Ky., Bishop Earl Cranston presiding, a number of Indiana changes were made in ministerial appointments. The Rev. J. S. Bailey, of Simpson Chapel, this city, was appointed Superintendent of the Maysville, Ky., District. The following appointments were made for the Indiana District, of which the Rev. D. E. Skelton, of this city, is Superintendent:

Anderson, D. H. V. Purnell; Bloomington, S. P. Asher; Boonville circuit, F. P. Robinson; Tell City, H. A. Smith; Chicago, E. L. Gillian, H. M. Carroll; Connersville, W. C. Statesman; Browns, W. V. Butts; Greencastle, W. Williams; Greenfield, Preston Morton; Indianapolis, Barnes Chapel, T. R. Prentiss; Simpson Chapel, H. W. Tate; Scott Chapel, Charles Jones; Jeffersonville, J. L. Franklin; Port Fulton, C. J. W. Compton; Madison, F. L. Hertzfield; Muncie, T. T. Carpenter; Aewcastle, Wesley Singleton; North Vernon, W. S. Rollins; Princeton, James Allen; Rushville, J. T. Leggett; Shelbyville, J. F. White; Terre Haute, B. F. Smith, H. H. Hinton; Watson circuit, James Bowren; Evansville, J. C. Carson; Rockford circuit, F. S. Snowden.

H. A. Foreman, of Princeton, Ind., has been appointed to a charge at Flemingsburg, Ky., and E. W. S. Hammond, formerly of the Indiana District, to the charge at Covington, Ky.

BOSTON, MASS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Wm. Hardy, of the Upton Hotel, has just returned from Atlantic City, where he has been for the past week, supervising the remodeling of the Bay State Hotel, one of his many holdings....Dr. Benj. E. Robinson has recently purchased a very classsy driving horse. Dr. Robinson is one of Boston's rising physicians....The openbeen deferred owing to further necessary ing of the Upton Hotel Rathskeller has repairs....Sylvester Price, of the Upton Hotel staff, is on the list in the coupon contest issued by the Travelerp for the purpose of winning a trip to the big fight to be held in San Francisco July 4. As Mr. Price is the only colored contestant, it is earnestly to be wished that all co-operate in his fight for a winning place on the list by mailing such coupons from the Traveler to the Upton Hotel, 130 Dartmouth street....Buddy Gilmore and wife, "King of Ragtime," will be with us extensively, as they are playing the New England Circuit until about the first of May....Chas. Parker, of New York City, was in the city during the past week, visiting his many friends......Harrry K. Barnett, of Providence, R. I., is a quite frequent visitor to the Hub City....Any person wishing to insert items and ads. in The Freeman will mail same to the Upton Hotel, care of Wince Dehony.... The Freeman can be procured at 131 Dartmouth street, Gray's barber shop.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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The grand literary and musical concert given by the ushers and men of Bethesda Baptist church, Friday evening, April 1, was quite a nice affair, and the church was filled to its capacity. The main feature of the evening besides the program rendered was that refreshments were served only by the male members of the church, no ladies taking part. The program that was rendered was as follows: Piano solo, by Miss Ada Lewis; invocation, by the pastor of the church, Rev. Carter; vocal solo, by Miss Myrtle Brand; recitation, Mr. Benjamin Bullock; piano solo, by Miss Wolridge; remarks, by Attorney Harvey Burk; recitation, by Mr. Hiram Gibbs; instrumental feature, by Miss Lewis and Reid Sisters; piano solo, by Miss Maude Rice; declamation, by Mr. Gale P. Hilzer, and recitations by Mr. James L. Titus and Mr. Jasper Gibbs, Jr. ....Mrs. William Smith, of 2433 Fourteenth avenue, South, left the city last Saturday evening for Ohio, where she will visit her mother, who is ill....Mrs. Ada Beasley, of 2817 Chicago avenue, who has been sick for several months, is doing nicely....The B. A. C. Club expects to have one of the best baseball teams in the city this year among the independent teams. Quite a few good looking candidates aer out trying for the team. This year's captain and manager are Mr. Lloyd Homes and Donald Brady....Miss Ethel Walker, of Mukogee, Olka., is now in our city and expects to remain for awhile. She is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Lawrence....The great illustrated lecture on "Paradise Lost and Regained," which was given at St. Peter's A. M. E. church Monday evening, April 4, by the Rev. H. E. Steward, D. D., of Chicago, Ill., was quite a nice affair. The lecture was under the auspices of the steward board....Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson, of 2818 Chicago avenue, left the city last week for Spokane, Wash., where they will make their home for a course of time. Mr. Wilson has accepted a position as steward of the Spokane Country, and will take up his new work on or about the 15th of the month. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's sudden departure was quite a surprise to their many friends. ....The Rev. E. H. McDonald, of Pilgrim Baptist church, St. Paul, delivered the sermon at the special afternoon service at Bethesda Baptist church, assisted by other pastors of the Twin City, last Sunday, April 3, that day having been set aside for the great $250 rally which is to be raised to help build a home for the church's pastor, the Rev. T. J. Carter. At the evening service several short talks were made by some of our prominent citizens. All of the reports not being in last Sunday, it could not be announced what the amount was that was taken in. It will be in the Minneapolis items next week; so watch for it....Mr. James F. Wilson, 2818 Chicago avenue, is the agent and correspondent for THE FREEMAN in this city. Mr. Wilson would like to receive your news items weekly and also supply more people with a copy of THE FREEMAN each week.

LARBORO, N. C.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Methodist Church held its morning service at the usual hour. Quite a number were out. At 3 p. m. the Easter exercises were taken up, and all the little ones looked sweet and tidy, and the speeches were grand. At 7:30 p. m. the exercises were continued, and the church was crowded to the doors. The exercises were fine. There was standing room only in the church. The first on the program was prayer, led by Mr. and Mrs. Williams's youngest daughter, Julia Williams, and it was grand. The choir rendered the music for the occasion, with Mr. Arthur Hutchinson, organist, assisted by Miss Geneva Williams and B. F. Stevens, cornetist, late of Allen's Minstrels. The music was fine and well rendered. The exercises were conducted by Mr. Nathan Williams, superintendent of the Sunday-school, and the children were handled by Mrs. Nathan Williams. Miss Sarah Williams rendered a sweet solo, "He Lives Again." Miss Lillie Knight also sang a solo, "What the Choir Sang." She was assisted by Mr. B. F. Stevens, cornetist. After the entire program was rendered a collection was lifted, and the amount consisted of something like $157. Then benediction was offered by the pastor, Rev. Moore, and all went home well pleased. Quite a number of out-of-town guests were here and stayed over until Monday....On Monday afternoon, March 28, the G. U. O. O. F. had their Peter Ogdon's Day. A sermon was delivered to them by Rev. Moore, and the church was well attended. They formed in line at their hall, and by command of Captain George Lucust as marshal were marched to the church. Mr. Dancy was presiding officer. Scripture was read by Rev. John Noble, of the order. After the sermon was delivered and they were told of the founder, Peter Ogdon, how the order first came about, the collection was lifted and the choir sang, and all were dismissed to go to the hall, where an evening was spent in pleasure for those who so desired. At night the lodge gave an entertainment and a fishing game, called "Fishing in Lake Superior." The lake had no snakes in it, but various things came out on the hooks when they got a bite and pulled up....Those who wish fine bread and cakes call on the Tarboro Bakery for the same, managed by Vance Liles. He will wait on you....Mr. Vance Liles sends regards to Mr. Peter Porter and Miss Blanch Russell....Porter wishes to hear from those who wish THE FREEMAN.... Call on B. F. Stevens, the tailor, at Lewis, Hammon & Stevens' shop, next to postoffice, upstairs....Mr. B. F. Steve sends regards to Allen's Minstrels.

ERIE, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Missionary Sunday was last Sunday; there was reading by Mrs. Slow and Harold Slow, remarks by Mr. Anderson and a paper by Mrs. Krittrell....Mr. Russell is confined to his bed, seriously ill....Milton Drew is convalescant....The concert given by Harry T. Burleigh was a success....The True Reformers had their meeting Thursday night....Mr. and Mrs. Ackins have gone to Detroit....Mrs. McConnel has gone to St. Vincent's Hospital to have an operation performed.

DAVID WYATT LEAVES HOT SPRINGS

Will Take In the Season of Baseball This Year.

David Wyatt, the well-known baseball writer and staff correspondent for THE FREEMAN, left Hot Springs, Ark., for St. Louis, Mo., this week, where he will attend the opening game. Mr. Wyatt will report this game and an article on "The Season of 1910 to Be the Banner Year in Negro Baseball." Any communication intended for Mr. Wyatt will be addressed to this office until further notice.

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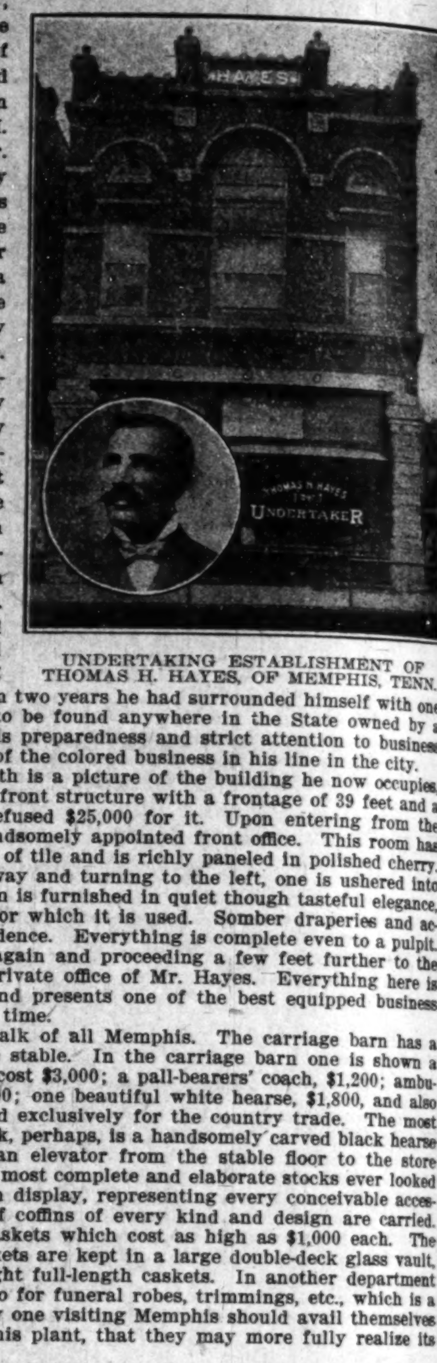

UNDERTAKING ESTABLISHMENT OF THOMAS H. HAYES, OF MEMPHIS, TENN.

The city of Memphis, Tenn., does not present a more remarkable character in all of its colored business men—and they are many—than is shown in the person of Thomas H. Hayes. Eight years ago Mr. Hayes strated in the grocery business with but $35 as his capital. One years later he closed that business to enter the undertaking field with a capital of $1,400. At the time Memphis was exceptionally ripe for such an enterprise. Two-thirds of the colored people were being buried by white undertakers. So greedy were the whites for this business that they actually sought to intimidate, by threats, the two or three colored men then in the field. Mr. Hayes, realizing the situation, started in with a determination to win. He got off right and stayed right. He had both white and black sitting up and taking notice in a short time. Within two years he had surrounded himself with one of the most complete outfits to be found anywhere in the State owned by a colored man. By virtue of his preparedness and strict attention to business he soon had practical control of the colored business in his line in the city.

The cut appearing herewith is a picture of the building he now occupies, which he owns. It is a stone front structure with a frontage of 39 feet and a depth of 150 feet. He has refused $25,000 for it. Upon entering from the street one is shown into a handsomely appointed front office. This room has a beautiful inlaid mosaic floor of tile and is richly paneled in polished cherry. Passing through a small hallway and turning to the left, one is ushered into the funeral parlors. This room is furnished in quiet though tasteful elegance, in keeping with the purpose for which it is used. Somber draperies and accessories are plentifully in evidence. Everything is complete even to a pulpit. On coming out into the hall again and proceeding a few feet further to the rear, one is shown into the private office of Mr. Hayes. Everything here is finished in cherry and oak, and presents one of the best equipped business offices I have entered for some time.

The rolling stock is the talk of all Memphis. The carriage barn has a concrete floor, as has also the stable. In the carriage barn one is shown a handsome funeral care which cost $3,000; a pall-bearers' coach, $1,200; ambulance, $1,100; dead wagon, $500; one beautiful white hearse, $1,800, and also one other hearse which is used exclusively for the country trade. The most beautiful of all the rolling stock, perhaps, is a handsomely carved black hearse which cost $2,500. There is an elevator from the stable floor to the store rooms above, where one of the most complete and elaborate stocks ever looked upon outside of a factory is on display, representing every conceivable accessory to the trade. Carloads of coffins of every kind and design are carried. Among these are not a few caskets which cost as high as $1,000 each. The metallic and cloth-covered caskets are kept in a large double-deck glass vault, sufficiently large to display eight full-length caskets. In another department on the top floor is the store roo for funeral robes, trimmings, etc., which is a veritable wholesale store. Any one visiting Memphis should avail themselves of the opportunity and visit this plant, that they may more fully realize its scope and magnitude.

Mr. Hayes employs four embalmers regularly. There are eight other employes. Thirteen head of horses are required in the conduct of the business. All of his carriages are up to date and in good shape. Besides the undertaker business, Mr. Hayes is identified with many other enterprises. He is vice-president of the Solvent Bank and Trust Company; a stockholder in one of the largest printing establishments in the city conducted by colored men, and a member of every fraternal organization in the city; also a life member of the National Negro Business League. Mr. Hayes has a brilliant wife and sweet little boy, of which he evidently is very proud. He is a member of one of the great Christian churches of the city.

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THE STAGE

Additional Stage News on Page Six.

Canta Day is making her usual hits throughout the East.

The Hallbacks are playing the Comique Theater, Stanford, Maine, this week.

R. B. Shelton, of the team of Fiddler and Shelton, accompanied by his wife, spent several days in the city this week.

Bonny and Freeman, singers, dancers and acrobats, are at present playing the northwestern circuit with Pantages to follow.

Pelborn and Riermon have closed their engagement at the Belmont Theater, Pensacola, to open at Atlanta, Ga., for a six weeks' engagement.

Fred Garland, the trombonist, leaves April 14, to join Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Wild West Shows. The organization will be in Indianapolis April 25.

Charles Beechum, comedian, late of the Lowery-Morgan Minstrels, will leave the city April 23 to join Terry's Big Company. Mrs. Blanche Beechum will accompany him.

It is said that in 1835, with a Negro woman who was claimed to be 160 years old, P. T. Barnum started in the circus business. The woman was featured as George Washington's nurse.

The Five Licorice Sticks with Nettie Glenn, under the management of Black Carl, are the special attraction at the Colonial, Erie, Pa., and are making a decided hit.

Ed Toliver, of the Bert A. Williams Company, was in the city last week, the guest of his father and friends. Mr. Toliver sung the offertory solo at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Sunday.

Pewee, tramp juggler and versatile entertainer, has closed with Rockwell's Sunny South Company to open with O'Brien's Minstrels as a vaudeville feature. The show opens April 18 at Horton, Kan.

Tom Briggs, Mississippi's comedian, died at his home, Yazoo, Miss., Saturday, March 26. He had been in poor health for two years. He had been a member of "A Rabbit Foot" Company, A. G. Allen's Minstrels and other companies.

Alex W. Hunt, formerly of Indianapolis, now of Chicago, has written a big hit song, "It's Time He's Leaving," which is being used by several artists in the business. Mr. Hunt will be seen shortly with his new partner, Royal L. Moss. Regards to all friends.

Prof. R. Roy Pope, director of the Annex Band of the Ringling Brothers' Circus, was in Danville, Ill., this week, arranging for the rehearsal of his organization, which will begin there April 18, continuing to April 28, at which time the Ringling Brothers' aggregation opens.

Walter J. Reid, the celebrated trap drummer of the Royal Theater, will not be connected with that aggregation after April 15, but will be found with his gallant old bandmaster, P. G. Lowery, with the great Wallace-Hagenbeck Circus. He sends best regards to Miss Carrie Hall, E. B. Dudley, Manzie Campbell, R. R. Mathews and Ed Simpson.

Clever Billy Young and Buster McDonald have just finished engagements at the Caramaphone Theater in Omaha, Neb.; also at the Bijou Theater, Council Bluffs, successfully. Opened at the Lyric Theater, Logan, Iowa, under the Thompson Booking Agency. The act runs eighteen to twenty-one minutes. Regards to theatrical carpenters. Are doing well, thank you.

Mrs. Kelley, wife of Bob Kelley, of the team of Kelley and Catlin, has been removed to the Hahnemann Hospital at Chicago, Ill., where it is feared that she will have to undergo a serious operation. As Kelley and Catlin is a team of big reputation, and one that makes good, the booking agents of Chicago have managed to keep them busy and Mr. Kelley has been able to keep up the heavy expenses of his wife's illness.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the elocutionist, is filling a successful series of entertainments in Richmond, Va. She has been tendered several notable social honors during her stay there, among them a reception by the Glen Side Literary Society, a leading organization of the "smart set" of the Virginia capital. Miss Davis and Mr. T. Spencer Finley are to put on a comedy skit this month at the Hiawatha Theater in Washington. Miss Davis is compiling a volume of choice recitations and dramatic readings, now in such demand by the aspiring young readers who are anxious to secure the best selections.

WELL-KNOWN VIOLINIST GOES TO CHICAGO.

W. E. Barbour, the Kentucky violinist, after spending the winter months with his family at Louisville, Ky., will leave for Chicago, Ill., April 16 to join the Ringling Bros.' Shows for the second season.

SMITH AND LA ROSE MINSTRELS

The Smith & La Rose Octoroon Minstrels are playing at the Casino Theater, Hoboken, N. J., this week and they are meeting with much success. The company is composed of Miss Pearl La Rose, Fannie Hudson, Lulu Thomas, Lena Henderson, Minnie Robinson, John Smith, Joe Henderson and Joe Bright.

ATLANTA GETS A NEW COLORED THEATER.

Mr. Kid Davis Becomes Assistant General Manager of New House.

Atlanta, Ga., April 8.—This city has just been presented with a new colored vaudeville house. The Paradise Theater, 170 Peters street, is a very little, neat place, with a seating capacity of 350. Mr. Kid Davis is assistant general manager.

TIM OWSLEY GOES TO GEORGIA

Little "Big" Comedian Begins Tour Through South.

Tim Owsley, the comedian of cleverness and surprises, left this city Tuesday for Georgia and other states in the Southland where he goes on a mission of business that he would not state of what nature it would be. Tuesday morning the Owsley residence presented a scene of action. Every one of the household was busy getting things in readiness for the little "big" comedian's departure. There were five large trunks to be packed and there were certain things to be placed in each one in a short amount of time, but the neighbors kept coming in and getting in the way so much that Tim decided to lock them out. When the trunks had been carted away Tim began washing his pet English bulldog until it was within ten minutes of train time. Then there was a wild scramble for the station. Tim and his four brothers, with a grip or suitcase in each hand that belonged to the comedian of class. He landed at the station in due time, and as he bounded for the rear platform of his car out of breath he said to a number of his friends, "On to Georgia; good luck or ill! Good-bye." And the train moved on.

THE DIXIE THEATER, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Harris are filling an engagement at the Dixie. Mrs. Harris is receiving four and five encores singing "You'll Be Sorry Just Too Late." Miss Alice Ramsey is making good singing ""If You're No One's Sweetheart, Is There Any Chance for Me?" Miss Minnie Byrd, our little soubret and buck and wing danger, is more than making good. Our orchestra consists of Messrs. W. M. Green, trombone player; F. Wagner, trap drummer; Boose Reese, clarinet player, and Charles J. Harris, cornet player and instructor. Mr. J. T. Hicks, our leading comedian, is making good with his funny monologues. Mr. Walter Slade, our piano player, sends regards to all in and out of the profession.

THE ORIGINAL BLACK BEE'S IN THE LAST ACT GOING GREAT EVERY NIGHT.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 5.—Walter S. Lyons and Maud Singleton and their original black Bee's just closed at Lincoln Theater, Newburg, Ohio, to S. R. O. every night. Walter S. Lyons in his original creation, "Oh, Shut Up," was a hit. Maud Singleton in her classic recitation, dramatic reading and humorous sayings is still the feature, closing with Lyons and Singleton's very funny satire, "The Crazy Hotel," which is a scream from start to finish. We are using two new and original songs by Lyons and Singleton. We expect to open here at one of the leading parks for the summer. We say hello to the Sampsons, Arcade Theater. Well, that's rich. Regards to The Beechums and Fred Lewis and wife. Week of April 4, Royal Theater, Cleveland.

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BROWN AND BROWN BUST 'EM WIDE OPEN.

Act At Colonial Gets the Hands.

"The Browns are in town!" The above was overheard by the Gallery God as he tok his way through the streets en route to tse Colonial Theater Monday afternoon, when he found it to be a fact that Harry A. and Lulu Brown were on the bill of the Morris time house. The program gave it as Brown & Brown, Indian cartoonists, but whatever it announced the type could not have been large enough, neither could there have been printed words of praise forceful enough to compare with the quality and importance of such an act on a real vaudeville program. Ever since the Colonial has been opened to the public it has been our pleasure to see about every act that has appeared on that stage, and we will say that we have never seen a team get the hands as Brown and Brown are getting this week. When one remembers that this house is indeed like a refrigerator filled with real ice, your senses warrant you to applaud again and again. As the curtain rises every one fixes their eeys on two easels, on which rest large sheets of white paper.

HARRY A. BROWN.

LULU BROWN.

KING AND BAILEY

Featuring Williams and Walker's Chocolate Drops at the Pekin, Chicago, Week April 11. Wm. Barker, Business Manager.

In a moment appear Mr. and Mrs. Brown clad in Indian costumes that are very becoming. Although this is Mr. Brown's home, few, if any, knew him from any other educated red man of artistic ability. As they sing an Indian song they both begin to draw what is to be a pretty maiden by Mr. Brown and an Indian brave by Mrs. Brown. It is electrifying to see how quick and how clever the work is done. As they finish singing the last note of the song the last line is made that completes the pictures, and you have before you some gems of the art in crayon drawings.

Any one seeing Mrs. Lulu Brown in her Indian costume would say that she displays some pleasing graces as she draws and sings. Of course she has no occasion to present any of her ability as an actress other than to sing. She has a clear, sweet voice that carries tenderness of feeling with it in every note. But her audience found her more delightful as an artist, for she has developed wonderfully in that line. During the act she drew three pictures, one of an Indian chief, another which was a very humorous caricature of colored lovers that brought down the house. What caught the deeper feelings of her hearers was the very lifelike picture of a Catholic nun as she and Mr. Brown sang a sentimental song. In all of her work she that impression of her ability as only a genuine actress could. There never was a lad that ever returned to his native town and was better received than Harry A. Brown is this week. Old Hoosierdom has reached out a warm hand of welcome to him on all sides, and Harry is showing his appreciation through meritorious stunts at the Colonial this week. It has been our pleasure to see Mr. Brown upon the stake for a number of years, and what we enjoyed at seeing him each year was his successful efforts at originality and improvement in his acting and chosen profession as a cartoonist. Unlike a greater number of our actors, he not only sought out something foreign from singing and dancing and mastered it, but went on springing something new each season, until he now stands alone as the best in his line. That is why they applaud the act at the Colonial theater from gallery to pit this week. We also discovered that he has a voice that containing melody that is fit for any ear. As he sang his hand moved swiftly over a white sheet that was soon turned by crayon into a work of art. The three pictures that he drew won favor with everybody, as the audience applauded roundly. Try as he would, it was very difficult for him to get away after nearly half a dozen encores had been acknowledged.

Brown & Brown have an act that is the right sort to go in prejudiced houses, because they are sure to knock race feeling skyward through their ability. Never has an opening bill set such a hot pace for the headline act since the existence of the Colonial Theater.

THEATRICAL NOTES FROM JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Mr. R. Vogel, general manager of Kersands Big Minstrels, under canvass, came in Sunday from the Black Patti Musical Comedy Co., to get his big minstrel under way. The dress rehearsal was looked over by him under the big top Sunday night, and he is well pleased with the excellent work of Mr. James Crosby, the stage manager, and other members of the company. Mr. Vogel is more than pleased with the clever work of Mr. E. B. Dudley, who practically organized this big show and is the leader of the band and orchestra, getting such clever people for his band as Henry W. Paschall, the clarinetist, and Richard Mathews for the big olio with his novelty barrel jumping act. Then he was clever enough to get the powerful Billy Earthquake, who will make anybody's show go with a vim.

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This week at the Airdome Theater is seen another one of those strong shows. One of the features of the bill is the team of Webb and Webb. This pair worked themselves into favoritism on the first performance. The singing of "Wild Cherry Rag" by Miss Ora Webb was the big noise. It would be a shame for any one to sing this song after this clever lady gets through with it. The act is well dressed. As it just came off of big time, they are appreciated by the Airdome patrons.

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Miss Carrie Hall opened at the Airdome Monday, the 28th. Oh, gee, this Carrie Hall is one hit, singing Mat Marshall's big song, "Just to Be Sociable, Let's Rush the Can." This song was written for a comedian, but no comedian had better sing it behind this shouter. Miss Hall also played the part opposite Slim Henderson in the one-act musical comedy, "The Big Mitt." She takes this part as an old Jeassey woman. This character is a brand new one to the profession and is great.

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Prof. John W. F. Woods, the ventriloquist, with one little figure called Little Henry, opened at the Airdome Monday. As a ventriloquist Prof. Woods ranks with the best, and the writer has seen them all. Prof. Woods has a bright, clean line of funny talk and has his audience in an uproar every minute he holds the stage. Strange to say, all ventriloquists I have met have had a gentle disposition and gentlemanly ways, and Prof. Woods is no exception. All this ventriloquist needs is to get in right.

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This week marks the successful closing week of Billy Earthquake, who has played in the Airdome for twelve weeks, and from the way he is going this week looks like he could stay twelve times twelve and continue to make good. He is using Miss Fisher as a working partner for this closing week, and a nice little partner she makes, being neat and clever with her talk. Mr. Earthquake leaves the Airdome to go with the Kersands Minstrels, under canvas. He is engaged as assistant stage manager and one of the principal comedians. His success is assured with this show, for Earthquake is a positive hit in any show in which he is placed. This young comedian has made many friends in Jacksonville, and leaves a good name with his co-workers. Earthquake's byword—good-bye, sweet old Jacksonville wid de Florida.

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Slim Henderson proved himself a real star at the Airdome this week in Marion Brooks' one-act musical comedy, "The Big Mutt." The sketch runs fifty minutes, and is full of laughs, and Mr. Henderson just simply keeps the house roaring throughout the entire fifty minutes. Mr. Lew Kenner, as the tramp, scored a big hit. It really looks like this is one of Mr. Kenner's strongest characters. Miss Fisher as little Buster and Miss Stewart as Cindy introduced Harrison Stewart's song, "Met Me, Cindy, by the Cindy Pile," in this sketch and proved a hit.

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Joe White, the tramp drummer, closed this week and is succeeded by Wm. H. Brown, who came direct here from the Victoria Theater, Philadelphia. This drummer is loaded down with traps and can use them. Joe White goes with the Kersands show.

WIEDERMANN BROS. BIG AMERICAN SHOWS, COSMOPOLITAN ROUGH RIDERS AND INDIAN CONGRESS.

Now touring the State of Arkansas and meeting with great success. W. L. Eldridge would like to hear from D. R. Hull, Mrs. Thompson and Thompson. We have got a nice frame-up in the side show, with Miss Laura Williams, our soubrette, singing "Shine On, Harvest Moon;" also Mrs. Marguerite L. Martin, Miss Sophia Smith, Sandy Harden, Jim Freeman, Gordon C. Harrison, our pianist, Paul Cheatham, trap drummer. W. L. Eldridge, stage manager, sends regards to all in and out of the profession.

THE FAMOUS THEATER, ATLANTA, GA.

Peter Porter is meeting with much success as stage manager at the Famous Theater at Atlanta, Ga. There are five pleasing women on the bill: Miss Millie Williams, Lillian Butts, Dora Matthews, Nellie Nelson and Blanche Russel, the dainty soubrette. Miss Russell is singing "When a Coon Wants to Spoon, He Doesn't Need Any Moon," taking four and five encores. Porter and Russell send regards to all friends.

ARCADE THEATER, ATLANTA, GA.

The little playhouse is still packing them in. Mr. Air Ship, our stage manager, is still here. Mr. Freeman and his three little picks are going big. Mr. and Mrs. Goodloe are also going big in their act. Follow on the bill Mr. and Mr.s Susie Too Sweet, singing one of his own compositions and taking two or three curtain calls. Wiggans and Wiggans have returned from Jacksonville, Fla., after a three weeks' engagement, and are going just as big as the first night they opened here. Our stage manager, Mr. Air Ship, is closing the show with one of his plays, "Oscar Is Running Wild." The Goodloes send regards to the Pekin bunch, Memphis, also the Too Sweets. Savage Air Ship sends regards to the Damon Comedy Co. Bradford and Bradford, why don't you write?

ROYAL THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN.

Walter James Reid writes from Theater Royal: We are now at the depth of it. Last Saturday, at 11 o'clock p. m., death called at the door of one of our gallant and veteran performers, Bon Bon Buddie, alias Thomas Briggs, who had been here since the Royal opened three years ago, and had always made good when others failed. Now comes the death of our manager and proprietor, Mr. Thomas E. Kinnane, who departed this life Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. Mr. Kinnane was taken ill Sunday night, but stayed until the regular Sunday night performance, when he retired home and was confined to his bed, where he continued to grow worse. Mr. Kinnane as a friend shall long be remembered, not only in the profession, but by those who are not connected with it. The whole city mourns the loss of Mr. Kinnane. His death was due to kidney trouble. The performers of the Royal had special cabs for the funeral, which took place at 9:30 a. m. Monday. All the theaters in North Memphis closed their doors to show their respect for their gallant manager. The theater opened Tuesday with new management.

The show is doing fine. S. R. O. still. The people are as follows. Eugene Liggins, stage manager, sends regards to all. Liggins likes his Ban yet. Miss Janie Mullen, female impersonator, puts on one of her swell plays. Miss Zenoble Jefferson, soubrette, sends best wishes to Ada Harris Holmes. J. M. Day, star comedian, with his comic coon ditties, keeps the audience screaming. Freddie Harrison, the funny talking and dancing comedian, sends regards to friends. Miss Alice (Teddy Bear) McQuiller, the woman who is always whipping the ivory, is as well and as large as any elephant. The piano stool had to be made larger, so one was made to order, all constructed of steel. It was built by the Chickasaw Iron Works. Please don't blow up, Miss Gasoline.

GEORGE ADE WRITES EXPRESSLY FOR THE FREEMAN

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George Ade, one of the America's greatest living humorists and playwrights, will contribute an article on the Negro baseball player for the special baseball number of the Indianapolis FREEMAN. THE FREEMAN feels quite fortunate in securing anything from the pen of so prominent a personage. Mr. Ade's works are sought in every part of the country and globe at a high premium. THE FREEMAN is the first colored publication to secure an article from his pen.

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WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM OMAHA.

THE FREEMAN would like to hear from S. Ford, secretary, and V. Graham, manager of the Omaha colored baseball team right away. Important business.

LOUISVILLE WINS FROM THE WHITE SOX

Fast Article of Ball Is Played by Both Teams.

The Louisville Cubs opened the season under very flattering circumstances, for they met their old enemy, the White Six of Indianapolis and defeated them. Despite the bad weather, more than 1,200 fans turned out to see the game. Score, 3 to 2. Batteries—For Sox, Hassel and Gunther; for the Cubs, Brown and Primm.

MANAGER STRINGER REPLIES TO WILLIAM GIBBS

Says Cubs Are Willing to Play the Stars.

In reply to the frequent unbecoming remarks of one William Gibbs, I wish to state that the Louisville Cubs are open to play all first-class teams. In regard to Mr. Gibbs' statement, the public knows nothing of Mr. Gibbs' managerial ability. Mr. Gibbs can find me at 124 West Green street at any time, and as to the public clamoring for games between the Cubs and Stars, it is simply preposterous. Nevertheless, all worthy opponents will be given a chance. Hoping this will meet Mr. Gibbs' approval, I remain, Yours,

JAMES STRINGER,
Louisville, Ky. 124 West Green St.

UNION GIANTS TIE GAME.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 7.—The Chicago Union Giants played their second game of the season last Sunday with Meyer's Cubs at Fortieth and Fullerton avenue to a 11 to 11 tie. The score:

Meyer's Cubs.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Schroll, lf	2	1	4	0	0
J. Bartell, 2b	2	4	4	2	0
Larson, rf	1	3	3	0	0
Burk, ss	0	1	1	4	1
B. Bartell, C	1	3	7	2	0
Johnson, 3b	2	2	2	5	1
Hopewell, 1b	2	3	12	0	1
Zahnen, cf	1	3	2	0	0
Coonrad, p	0	1	0	0	0
Krueger, p	0	0	1	3	0
Total	11	21	36	16	3
Union Giants.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Ramsey, 2b	1	1	3	4	0
Jones, lf	1	1	3	1	0
Gordon, 1b	1	3	14	0	1
Lyons, rf	1	1	2	0	0
Gill, ss	2	2	0	4	1
Jackson, 3b	2	0	1	1	1
Lytle, cf	0	2	1	3	0
Washington, c	2	2	11	2	0
Jenkins, p	0	0	1	2	0
Lyle, p	1	1	0	0	0
Total	11	13	36	17	3

Score by innings:
Meyer's ....0 1 0 1 0 5 0 1 3 0 0 0—11
Union G....0 2 0 3 0 0 3 2 1 0 0 0—11

Two-base hits—B. Bartell, J. Bartell, Jones, Gordon, Jenkins. Home runs—Gill, Larson. Double plays—Burke to J. Bartell to Hopewell; Gill to Ramsey to Gordon. Struck out—By Krueger, 3; by Jenkins, 7; by Lyle, 2. Time—2:15. Umpire—Meyers.

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INFORMATION WANTED.

Of the whereabouts of Fred and James Gannon. When last heard of were working at the Wilkins Cafe, New York City, and at Muscogee, Okla. Since the death of Mrs. Mollie Gannon, their mother, they are wanted by their sisters, Almeta and Georgia Mae, who reside at 110 Runnells street, Dallas, Texas. Wire or write.

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LAUGHING STARKS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The Three Laughing Starks played at the Majestic Theater, New York, the week of March 29, and the Dewey Theater the following week. The act is composed of Woods, McKay and Smith.

MALLOY AND HARKUM MAKING THEM LAUGH IN DIXIE.

Malloy and Harkum send regards to friends in and out of the profession. Would like to hear from Miss Teresa Burgh and B. E. Edmond. We are near the Mason and Dixie line at last, after spending the winter over the Southern time. We are now at the Globe Theater for two weeks, Norfolk, Va.

DIXIE THEATER, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Messrs. Boose Reese, Wm. Green, F. Wagner and Chas. J. Harris, respectively, clarinet, trombone, trap drummer and musical director, desire to inform their friends and the profession generally that they are filling an engagement with the Dixie Theater in Charlotte, N. C. Regards to all in and out of the profession. Miss Minnie Byrd, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Miss Alice Ramsay, the "Tennessee Sunbeam," are with the Dixie, and each is making good in her specialty, respectively, as dancer and ballad singing. Arthur E. Benjamin is manager of the house.

MISS CROSBY'S KINKIES SETTING CANADA WILD.

Newspapers Laud Act to the Skies.

Miss Oma Crosby's Kinkies, which are in their seventeenth consecutive week, touring Canada, have met with the most phenomenal success of any colored act that has ever invaded the Dominion of Canada. Miss Crosby's act consists of herself and two people, namely, Miss Selley and Master Russell Lee, a clever boy baritone, whom Miss Crosby found in Pittsburg, Pa., last fall, and has employed ever since. No more praise can be given the act than was given them recently in the Port Arthur, Ont., News, which reads as follows:

"Flattering comments were heard on all sides from the big audience that left the Gaiety Theater last night. 'Magnificent,' 'Superb,' 'There never was so fine a voice in the city before.' These are some of the eypressions heard as Miss Oma Crosby's three Kinkies finished their act. Master Russell Lee's singing of the 'Garden of Roses,' assisted by Misses Crosby and Selley, was simply sublime. Master Lee has a grand opera baritone of great range and power, and still of exquisite sweetness, and the blending of the ladies' voices in the trio without accompaniment was simply grand, and the audience showed their appreciation by applauding to the echo. The other songs are 'Dixie Land,' 'Lonesome,' 'Jungle Moon,' and especially 'Monkey, Honey Moon.' Miss Crosby is beyond all question of a doubt one of the most graceful dancers ever seen in our city. Their closing number, a jingle fantasy, with their correct and beautiful costumes, leave nothing to be desired. The costumes worn by the three Kinkies in this act are magnificently barbaric and nothing like them has ever been seen here."

This clever trio have had their salaries raised three times in seventeen weeks, and are away in the three-number mark now, so anxious is their present agent to retain them. They will open on Pantage's time, in Seattle, Wash., May 1, and are booked solid. Miss Crosby will be remembered as one of the original Pekin Stock Company members of the late J. Ed Green's school. She manages all her own booking and business personally.

HONEY JOHNSON SPRINGS A NEW ONE.

Honey Johnson, the only colored single act in high-class vaudeville and famous as a monologue artist, often makes up his own jokes. Last week he played here at the Colonial Theater, and on the last night sprang one for the benefit of his friend, Mr. Elwood C. Knox, regarding a sore foot that the latter had.

"I'm ez tendah-hoofed as Phoebe Brown," he said to the audience, with a chuckle. "You know about Phoebe? Well, young Calhoun White, he sez to her, proposin': 'What mek you mek a face like dat when I ask you fer your hand, Miss Brown?'

"'Well, Cal,' says Phoebe, 'I jist kain't give yo' offah proper consideration less'n you takes your knee off'n my co'n!'"

THOMAS J. HICKS.

RUBY THEATER AT GALVESTON, TEXAS.

Manager C. Huff is more than pleased with his new bunch of people. They are making good at every show. Thomas J. Hicks, the new stage manager and the king of all young singing comedians, is sending them away screaming. He has also introduced some of his own compositions, "I Would Stay a Little Longer, but I've Just Got to Go," "Beneath the 'Simmon Tree," "Ain't Going to Take Nobody's Word," "This Climate Don't Suit My Clothes," and others. The Centers, Annie and George, are playing a return engagement with a bunch of new stuff and cleaning up nightly. Mrs. Jackson don't fail to score when she appears before the footlights. Our Prof. Jack Jackson is holding up his end of the show, with Mr. Jack Fritz cleaning up with his drums. Mr. E. A. Howard is making good as a straight man with the show. Everybody is happy, and the ghost walks every Monday morning at 10 o'clock sharp. The bunch sends best regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Thomas J. Hicks says G. W. Coleman, H. R. Dixon, Harry St. Clair, H. O. Clark, Chinch Moore, Al Boyd, The Moores, Billy and Effie, and all friends write, care THE FREEMAN.

COLE AND JOHNSON,

Or the Results of Natural Ability, Backed by a Genuine Force of Ambition and Determination.

BY UNCLE RAD KEES.

While it is not my desire here to go back to the cradle to write the literal biography of any particular individual, entering thereafter into the possible pros and cons of a few wise "these" or "those," it is my aim to mention, in part at least, a few of the many facts concerning Cole and Johnson, such as no broad-minded or reasonable person can or will deny.

In the first place, Bob Cole has always been a most important factor in both the theatrical and the musical world, and therefore needs no further introduction on that score, for as far back as I can remember Bob Cole has always been reckoned among the leaders in whatever he undertook, and has never been found wanting in any of his undertakings. Having for his standard bearer and believing, as he probably does, in that old motherly saying that "t's better to be a big fish in big water," he has had ten men's share of ups and downs in one thing or the other, and yet he stands today as a noble example of that tenacious Negro ability, backed by two of the most essential requisites of success, namely, ambition and determination. The word "success" is a very cunning word indeed, and its properties are the most sought for and envied of any word in the English language. Its meaning, no doubt, has many followers, but few associates, and rather carries with it an inexhaustible supply of worldly experience, properly seasoned by a timely application of sound judgment and good reasoning.

That Bob Cole has studied, cherished and is thoroughly conversant as to the requirements of the word is very evident indeed. Yet, after a very few moments' conversation with Mr. Cole, it would not require a person of more than ordinary intelligence to tell that he was a genuine self-made man; careful, cautious and unassuming from start to finish, so much so that one not knowing him would never take him to be the "boss" of the greatest colored amusement combination before the public to-day. Neither would you realize on looking at him off the stage that you were gazing upon one of the world's greatest productive characters in comedy and in music.

Still, when I speak of Bob Cole as a self-made man, I do not wish to have you infer that because he was born of Southern parentage that from his infancy he was allowed to run wild and unchecked from sheer parental negligence until he had tired of being a mere harum-skarum. Neither do I want you to have the slightest idea that he was left a cold half million or any part thereof by a rich aunt or a kind old uncle. But I do want you to know that he is the only son, of five children, of a genuine old Southern mother, who had an ideal idea of the possible future of all of her children, and who worked night and day that each might receive a thorough common school education, believing that by her constancy and persistence she might live long enough to some day see herself proud of each and all of them. And so she has, for there she is to-day, at 102 West 136th street, New York City, in a most beautiful brown-stone, four-story brick, bought and owned by her son, and the same Bob Cole. Together with the other beautiful daughters, who range in qualifications from an expert stenographer, milliner and modiste, to a most efficient instructress in the public schools here in literature, art and physical culture.

So I wouldn't for one moment attempt to deprive any one of his inalienable right, especially if he wants to tell what Bert Williams is going to do, what Ernest Hogan could have done, what Johnson and Dean, Billy McClain or any other ambitious young colored man in his chosen profession is apt to do. I for one am here to say to all of you that seventeen hundred cold simalians are not to be scoffed at at any time, by any one. Especially so when it's planted down in a good, sound, comfortable family home. And that's what Bob Cole has done.

That it requires an exceptionally broad-minded and experienced person to be a business man in the theatrical profession goes without question, and to look back into a few of the many successful adventures with which he has been associated proves that Bob Cole is exactly this sort of man. For it was Bob Cole's brains that placed the first colored star on a sound, entertaining, business basis. It was Bob Cole's brains that placed the first idea of ownership into the theatrical Negro's mind. For 'twas he, backed by that one bunch of real actors, "stickers" and producers, who gave to the public that one really meritorious piece, "A Trip to Coontown." Still, to prove the results of natural ability, backed by ambition and determination, we have Bob Cole's brains yet, that gives us the greatest colored amusement combination before the public to-day. And too much cannot be said for that ambitious, stick-to-itive, manly blood that produces but one result —success!

On the other hand, J. Rosamond Johnson, though born in Jacksonville, Fla., and comes from one of the best colored families of his native State, is given to us under much different circumstances than was Bob Cole. Johnson's family had and still has, money. Rosamond Johnson, after getting a thorough college education before he left Florida, was afterwards sent to Boston, where he spent several years in the Boston Conservatory of Music, and is considered one of the most thorough colored musicians in the country to-day.

That Rosamond Johnson was inexperienced in the show business when he joined hands with Bob Cole as a partner no one denies. So are all of you who have not come in direct contact with the business and managerial ends of the theatrical profession. And I dare say that few of you would have stood the "gaff" half as well as did Johnson, especially when it called for a blind outlay of thousands of dollars. But Johnson was a business man; he met, appreciated and placed every confidence in his partner, Bob Cole.

Together they both had many ups and downs before they saw the slightest sign of even a ray of hope. But they were broad minded, fair thinking, reasonable business men with bulldog determination, until today they are as brothers, seemingly inseparable.

oSme few soreheads who are always kicking and complaining about everything has asked, "Where did Bob Cole get that Rosamond Johnson from?" and "Why didn't Bobe Cole get a man that could do something?" Well, the fact of the matter is, as I said before, Bob Cole is a young, easy-going, smooth and careful business man, with a world of experience, and foresaw, in one sense of the word, the disadvantage of having an inexperienced partner, but offset this by an ultimate advantage which you possibly overlooked.

What does Bob Cole care what anyone thinks of Rosamond Johnson's work when the piece is a tremendous financial success. Another thing, Bob Cole saw the after effects of taking on a thoroughly experenced partner. For instance, the second season instead of reading on our billboards Cole & Johnson, it might either have to be Johnson & Cole or nothing.

Hence, Bob Cole's experience and business tact, even here stands out. So much so that we are apt to see for several seasons more the billing Cole & Johnson.

As a matter of fact, Rosamond Johnson is a very clever fellow and you are only cheating and not on the level with yourself when you insist that he isn't. The only trouble with Johnson is that he is facing the same trouble and must fight the same fight that Bob Cole, Ernet Hogan or any other ambitious colored performer had to fight who had courage enough to do anything else except singing and dancing. And I want to say to you right here, that if you are wise you will encourage such ambitious performers as oRsamond Johnson and thereby instill more really artistic and more meritorious work into the Negro's end of the theatrical profession.

So it matters not what may be said to the contrary, Cole & Johnson are two clever, ambitious, hard working young men who have practically come from the rear and are certainly deserving of the position they hold as the owners of the greatest colored amusement combination before the public today.

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GORDON BUNCH TO RESCUE.

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Recently while playing a vaudeville house in a small town, Gordon Bunch, America's only colored ragtime clown and versatile comedian, met with an accident that goes as follows, from his own pen:

While doing my clown act in a vaudeville house in a small town where they don't like colored people to stop over night, the theater caught fire. Everybody got out safely except one young white lady, who was left behind. Although I was in my make-up, I rushed back into the burning building and brought the young lady, who was half dead, to safety in a few minutes. She came to herself, then asked to kiss the man who saved her. I was standing among the crowd, removing the make-up from my face the best that I could, when she came to where I was standing. She looked at me and then cried, "It's a coon!" and fainted. Afterwards I was held over for twenty-four hours for causing the young lady to faint. However, I am faring exceedingly well and going big everywhere. Regards to all.

GORDON BUNCH.

HONEY JOHNSON AT COLONIAL.

There are very few actors that are holding the boards to-day in first-class vaudeville houses as is Honey Johnson, who is at the Colonial Theater, of this city, this week. Mr. Johnson shows himself to be a very able performer when it comes to real up-to-date acting. He is a genuine entertainer at singing and dancing, and every one who has seen him here says that he is clever. His voice is good and the songs he sings are just what we like to hear these days. You find him original in everything he does, and his style of doing things pleases the severest critic. It is a hard matter to know how to do things these days that will meet the approval of thousands, but Honey Johnson has caught on to the way of doing so in a manner that catches you just right. The actor who can go upon the stage and hold every one before him in a rapturous spell has great ability, and Johnson is one of those performers who needs no help to do so, being fully unassisted. Never since the days of Ernest Hogan, as a monologist, have we seen an actor of color hold the boards with better success than Honey Johnson. It requires a real artist to do so, especially on the William Morris time, and we have in Mr. Johnson a real artist. The best of it all, Johnson is the only black man who is doing a single turn in high-class vaudeville houses, and that shows cleverness. You've got to be one of brains to do so.

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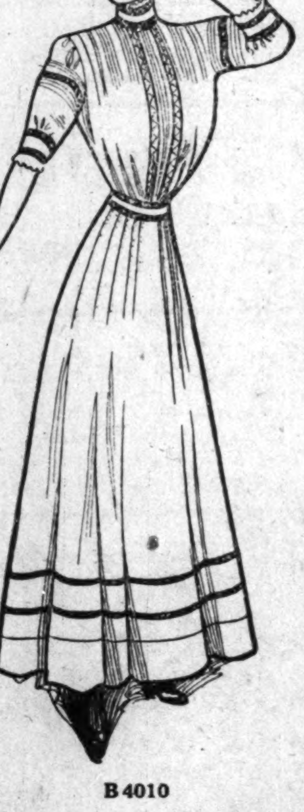

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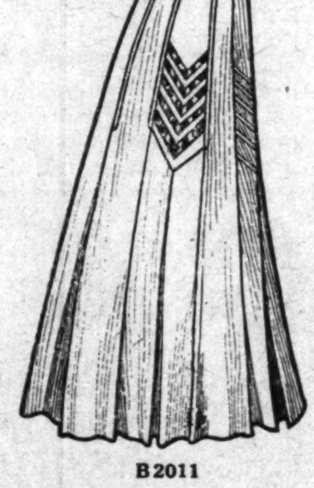

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Sam Langford is signed to meet Jim Berry today at Los Angeles, Cal. They will battle for 25 rounds at the Vernon arena. Just think of it, Sam Langford has already defeated the Chicago heavyweight about three times in three red-hot battles and in which Jim came out each time with sore body and a dazed memory.

PHILADELPHIA TEAM REORGANIZED

Lefty Myers Continues As Manager.

The Philadelphia Defiance team has reorganized for the season of 1910 under the management of one of the greatest followers of clean and gentlemanly baseball, in our old Lefty Myers, assisted by President Harry A. Malston, star catcher of the Anchor Giants of past seasons. Pop Myers would be pleased to secure some first-class young talent. All desiring to try for positions address 467 North Tenth street, or Captain A. Huston, 1252 North Warnock street, Philadelphia.

JOHNSON CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Entertains Friends at His Home with a Barn Dance.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Jack Johnson, the world's heavyweight champion, was 32 years old Thursday, March 31. By way of celebrating his birthday he entertained a number of his Chicago friends, including several theatrical people, at a barn dance, which took place in Johnson's training quarters in the rear of his home. The party was held after Johnson's appearance at the Alhambra Theatre, where he had been showing that week.

WHO WILL WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

For the Season of 1910 in Baseball, Can You Tell?

We want everybody to tell us just who they think will win the championship among colored clubs for the season of 1910. We want you to name your choice and tell us why you think your team will win. The columns of the special number of The Freeman for April 16 will contain the various views of our readers. We invite everybody to write us a brief outline of their ideas concerning the championship. Direct your mail to the Sporting Editor of The Freeman.

FIGHT FAN SAYS JACK WILL WIN.

Johnson Is Best Man Because He is the Younger.

To the Sporting Editor of The Freeman:

Sir—I heartily accept your invitation through the Freeman in regard to the coming Johnson-Jeffries fight. My opinion is that Jack Johnson will win, and my reasons are as follows. Because he is a younger man and he has not dissipated as much as Jeff has. Johnson has his growth and he is the man of today. Jeffries is the man of the past.

Yours truly,
I. C. MORGAN.
666 Pinewood Ave., Toledo, O.

BALL PLAYER FAVORS JOHNSON.

Says Champion Has Never Been Equaled.

To the Sporting Editor of The Freeman:

Sir—In regard to the Johnson-Jeffries fight: Johnson in my estimation should by all means win in eleven or twelve rounds. I have seen Johnson in action and have also given the matter deep consideration and fully believe that Johnson has never been equaled in the fistic arena only in one exception, and that may be James J. Corbett when it comes to science. Classing the two men together, Johnson and Jeffries are both powerful men and both are what I call century men. Only one or two men of their class are born in a century. If Johnson fights carefully and stays away from Jeffries in the early rounds, Jack is sure to win. But Johnson must fight for Jeffries' wind and at all times keep him out of that crouch that so many of his victims have failed to do, for that is Jeffries' weakest point. Now, if Johnson will make Jeffries bring the fight to him for eight or nine rounds, he will still remain the champion of the world for years to come.

Yours truly,
JAMES W. FUQUA,
Mgr. Fuqua Giants Baseball Club.
Chicago, Ill.

SPORTING EDITOR'S NOTES.

We would like to hear from James H. Smith of Chicago and Harry Daniels of New York on baseball for the big number.

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What's the matter with Dave Wyatt? Overworked, we guess.

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Ran Butler says the A. B. C.'s are waking up. Hope so.

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Some day the newspapers will tell the truth about Jack Johnson.

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We can't find one picture of the F. C. Leland's Chicago Giants.

JOHNSON PLANS HIS WORK.

Will Train Both in Chicago and in 'Frisco.

By John L. Footslug.

Following the selection of Emeryville, Cal., as the scene of the world's heavyweight championship battle of July 4, comes the statement relative to the conditioning campaign which Jack Johnson will inaugurate next month. He is planning to enter upon a vigorous campaign within a short time.

According to friends of Johnson's who are in close touch with the champion, the latter is about ready to forego his touring of the country and settle down to a strict regime of training such as he has not undertaken since his fight with Tommy Burns in Australia some eighteen months ago. Johnson is said to fully realize the task that is before him in facing Jeffries, and will not adopt a half-way policy in preparing for the battle which will make him the supreme pugilist of the world if he wins. As one of his followers put it the other day:

"Johnson is not the easy-going Negro when it comes down to important business that many believe. He will immediately settle down to a gruelling training. It will be the hardest work that he has undertaken since the beginning of his ring career, and it should bring him to the ringside in perfect condition for a battle such as only Jeffries may be expected to put forth."

It is understood that the preliminary training of the Galveston pugilist will be done at his home on Wabash avenue, Chicago. Johnson some time ago placed a contract for the building of a complete gymnasium on his property, with every requirement in the way of apparatus, ring, and shower baths. There is some doubt as to just how much time Johnson will spend training in Chicago. He will do considerable roadwork and gymnasium work while there, and at a date to be decided upon later, will, with his training retinue, move on to 'Frisco for the finishing touches. He has a tentative contract with the proprietors of Seal Rock Pavilion and will in all probability complete his conditioning on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. When he leaves Chicago he will take with him not only his training partners, put a cook and two rubbers as well. In 'Frisco this staff will be augmented as the occasion demands.

Johnson's determination to fit himself for a gruelling contest is shown by the care with which he is selecting his chief trainers and assistants. While Jeffries will have a group of famous fighters and wrestlers to help him, the Negro will not be outclassed in this respect. The first move in the direction of an all-star staff was made some time ago, when Johnson engaged Tommy Ryan to aid him in preparing for the contest on Independence Day. Johnson made the announcement after a long conference with the former middleweight, and Ryan has confirmed the report.

Ryan trained Jeffries for several fights. He taught the champion his crouch position and should know the best way to beat that style of defense. It was Ryan who, with Billy Delaney, coached Jeffries for his fight with Fitzsimmons in 1899, and Ryan probably knows as much about Jeffries' style of boxing as any trainer the Negro could have secured. Furthermore, there is considerable enmity between Ryan and his former pupil. The trouble started over some financial disagreements.

Johnson has recently intimated to several of his close followers that there was no occasion for alarm in the fact that the opening battle quotations in 'Frisco made Jeffries a 10 to 7 favorite. He has said that he will prepare for a hard fight and expects Jeffries will give him one, but he believes that he will be the victor and will be a good betting proposition, especially if the odds go to 2 to 1 on Jeffries, as has been predicted. He recently stated that in considering the fight with Jeffries in a more or less impartial manner, he fails to see where the former champion would have any physical advantage over him when they meet on July 4. He explained that the difference in weight would not be more than twenty pounds in favor of Jeffries, and that advantage would be more than offset by the difference in their ages, and the fact that the Californian had not engaged in a fight in several years.

He pointed out that, according to his theories, he would outbox Jeffries, both on the offensive and defensive; was a quicker puncher and in certain positions could deliver a blow fully as powerful as any that Jeffries ever showed in his championship battles. In his talk he indicated that he did not hold Jeffries a cheap opponent, and clearly stated that he was not going to take any risk whereby his opponent might win with one punch or swing. He showed, too, that he did not believe that Jeffries would ever regain the form which marked his career five or six years ago.

It was evident that Johnson had carefully studied the many angles of the task that is before him, and had, to a certain extent, marked out both his training and fighting campaign. As the confident put it: "The fight fans for the picture machines will both get a run for their money. Johnson won't be hurried and will fight a cautious battle. But when the purse is paid over the big end will go to the Negro, and that is what he is after, for the title is his now."

Evidently the idea is growing that those who attend the battle will get full returns for their expenditure of coin. Another fight special is being organized, which will be under the charge of Tom Sharkey, and already more than fifty reservations have been spoken for. The train, which will consist of baggage and dining cars and Pullman sleepers, will leave June 29, going through direct to 'Frisco without change.

It is expected that the train will arrive at Oakland, across the bay from 'Frisco, on Sunday, July 3. The return trip will not be so hurried, stops being scheduled at Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, Denver and several other points of interest. The party is not expected back in New York until July 13. The cost of the round trip, including railroad incidentals and admission to the fight, will cost $250 for a single person. While in San Francisco the party will be quartered at the Argonaut Hotel, where seventy-five rooms have already been engaged.

BASEBALL NUMBER A BEAUTY.

A Few of the Many Things It Will Contain.

The next issue of The Freeman will be the special extra baseball number, and you should not miss it, as it will contain all the leading topics of the day on colored baseball. It will also be profusely illustrated with pictures of the leading promoters, owners, managers, players, clubs and fans of baseball. Before the forms close on Tuesday, April 12, we will have ready for the press one of the most complete sporting extras that any colored newspaper has ever issued before. Of course there are a large number of clubs and players of ball who have thus far delayed in sending their photos and we have, meanwhile, saved space so that we might be able to accommodate them in the next few days, should they decide to have write-ups with photos appear in that edition at reduced rates.

Mr. Frank C. Leland, the well-known baseball promoter and president of the Frank C. Leland Chicago Giants, has written a very entertaining article on "The Ups and Downs of the Colored Player in Organized Baseball." You should not fail to read it, as it tells the story of how the Negro began playing in white leagues and how long he played organized ball, and why the white leagues draw the line, etc.

Mr. Andrew (Rube) Foster, manager and captain of the famous Chicago Leland Giants, world's colored champions and pennant winners of Chicago Baseball League of 1909, has written an article on "Success of the Negro as a Ball Player." This article is written by one of the greatest pitchers of his time—a man who has had years of experience in the game.

J. M. Batchman, one of the best authorities on the national game living, has also contributed an article. Mr. Batchman has such a splendid style as a writer that one cannot help from reading every line he writes on what we all like to know about, and that is "The Business Side of Baseball."

Mr. Thomas I. Florence, one of the best known fans in the country, has a few good things to say on baseball this year from what he has gleaned during past seasons.

THE JOHNSON-JEFFRIES GO OF UNIVERSAL INTEREST.

By Jackson J. Stovall.

America with her vast fields, woodlands and almost boundless territory, will go on record as having staged the biggest pugilistic event in the history of the game, when the gong souns on the afternoon of the Fourth of July at Emeryville race track near San Francisco, and Jack Johnson and James J. Jeffries are wrapped in the throes of battle.

Though the date of the contest is three months distant, yet Tex Rickard and Jas. Gleason, promoters of the contest, are in receipt of cablegrams from Great Britain and far-away Australia, ordering ringside seats reserved for the occasion. Among the celebrities from beyond the seas who will be present at the ringside, is Hugh McIntosh, the promoter and referee of the Johnson-Burns championship battle at Sydney, Australia.

When Jeffries and Johnson face each other in the arena on that memorable day, the excitement throughout the dominion of Uncle Sam is sure to be intense, and the monarchs of all civilized nations will eagerly await the outcome of the struggle.

There is not a patriotic Negro in America today, no matter what his views may be in regard to the prize ring and its principals, who is not proud of the fact from the depths of his heart that one of his race reigns supreme in his vocation, though it be from a pugilistic standpoint. Supremacy in one vocation begets supremacy in another.

Will the famous left of the once mighty Jeffries, that wrested the title from Lanky Bob Fitzsimmons at Coney Island June 9, 1899, regain the title on the Fourth of July, 1910? Or on the other hand, will the pride of the sporting world, who heretofore has never known the sting of defeat, measure his length on the canvass for the count of ten, from the wicked uppercuts of the pugilistic Napoleon?

The constant dropping of water will wear away a stone, and Jeffries is no exception to the rule. We hope that when the smoke of battle clears away, so to speak, that the question of supremacy between Caucasia and Ethiopia will have been settled from a gladiatorial standpoint on its merits, and the victory achieved on Ethiopia's side.

SOUTHERN CHAMPS HAVE ALL-STAR TEAMS

"Baby Jake" Heading Some Very Clever Ball Players.

The Southern Champions, of Memphis, Tenn., better known as the Bluff City Tigers, under the management of Jake Redwood, known to the baseball world as "Baby Jake," is one of the best teams in the business, and is composed of the following players: Bull Washington, first baseman of the Cuban Giants; Nina Waldon, left fielder of the Louisville Giants; John Pugh, known as the colored champion shortstop of the South; Julius London, the crack pitcher of the West, with St. Paul's team; Lum Crapton, the star pitcher of the Cuban Giants last season, and Chick Cummings, of the Cuban Giants of last season, is there also with the goods. Fred Jackson, the old-time second baseman, says he will make it hard for the boys to keep up this season. Lon Oliver, the old-time backstop, has gotten back in shape again for the boys this season. Rat. Johnson, of the Louisville Giants last season, will do the receiving for the Champion Tigers.

THE LAST CALL AT HAND.

Only a Few Days Left to Get in the Big Number.

The next issue of The Freeman will be the special sporting number and will contain illustrations and write-ups of every well-known owner, manager of clubs and players of baseball in the country. Write us concerning our special offer right away, as our forms close to the public April 11. We have reduced our prices for making cuts for this special lumber in order that it may enable everybody who plays ball to secure a cut with write-up in this issue. As this number is to be the first of its kind to be issued in the interest of the Negro in all lines of sport, we wish you to take advantage of the small space of time that you have, by writing to us immediately.

McVEY DEFEATS KUBIACK EASILY.

Sam Knocks Him Out Twice.

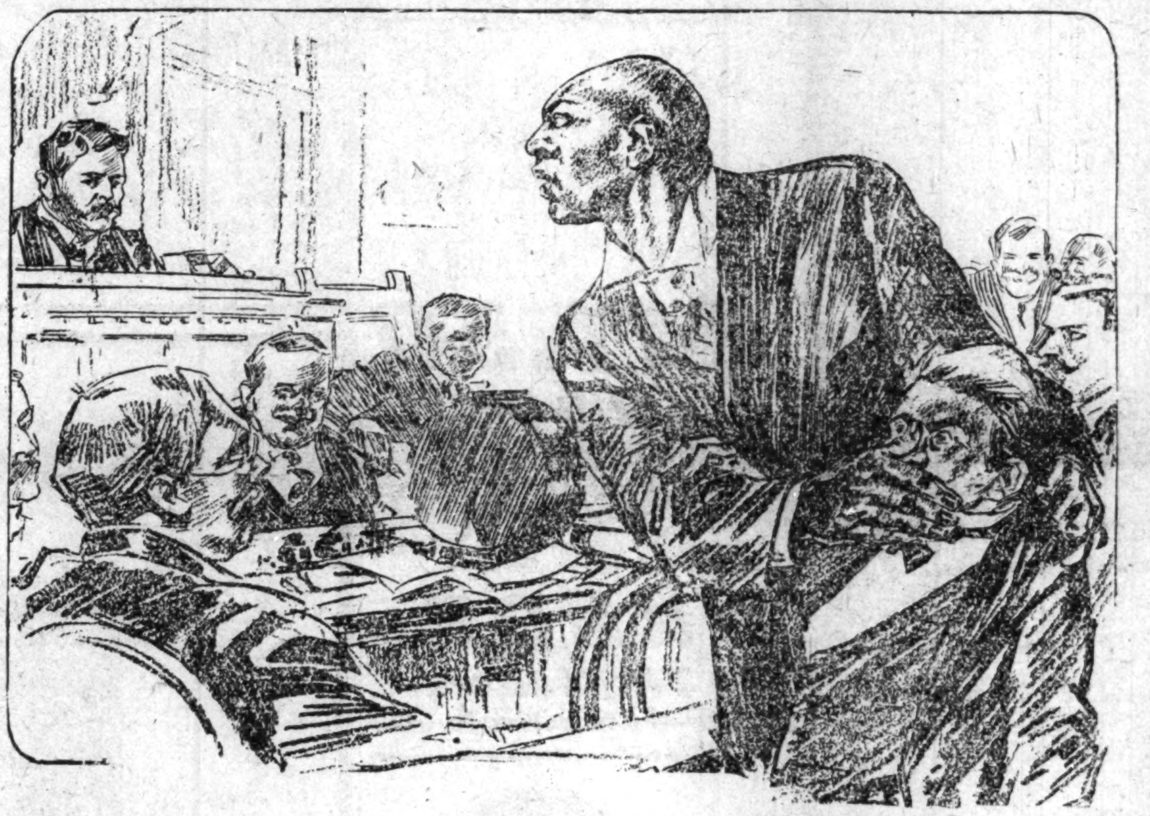
Special to The Freeman.

PARIS, France, March 24.—Sam McVey easily disposed of Kubiack in their ten-round go before several thousand of France's best sportsmen. Sam had him out twice before bell could save him. Billy McClain, the actor, seconded McVey. Billy Papke and brother and Blink McClousky were entertained at the Olympia Theater, St. Patrick's night, by Billy McClain.

EL PASO TEAM GETTING READY.

EL PASO, Tex., April 7.—The Marquette Baseball Club is now getting in trim for a fast season of baseball. H. B. Langford, who is manager, is anxious to hear from teams wishing to get open dates.

JOHNSON SUPPRESSES HIS LAWYER.



When Jack Johnson was arrested the other week in New York by order of Judge Mulqueen of the Court of General Sessions by reason of an indictment charging him with assault in the second degree for having belabored Norman Pindar with a chair, a very funny incident happened. When the judge suggested that Johnson had offered $3,000 cash bail earlier in the day, that it might be accepted.

Johnson looked uneasy. Lawyer Nugent started to address the court in Johnson's behalf when suddenly the mighty Jack clapped his hand over the lawyer's mouth, forcing him back to his chair.

"Your honor," said the fighter, "when I came to court this morning I had that $3,000 with me. I didn't tell you a lie. Now I have only $2500—the rest went for legal expenses." Then everybody laughed as they looked as his lawyer drawed up in a chair.

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I think I owe it to my fellow man to send them a copy in confidence, so that any man anywhere who is weak and discouraged with repeated failures may stop drugging himself with harmful patent medicines, secure what I believe is the quickest-acting restorative, upbuilding, SPOT-TOUCHING remedy ever devised, and so cure himself at home quietly and quickly. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, 3831 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send you a copy of this splendid recipe in a plain ordinary envelope free of charge. A great many doctors would charge $3.00 to $5.00 for merely writing out a prescription like this —but I send it entirely free.

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Mr. James Jackson is quite ill at his home in Fayette street.

Mr. Walker Cornet, of the New York Store, is ill at his home.

Mrs. Emma Crawford is very ill at her home in West Vermont street.

Mr. J. D. Howard has returned from a Southern trip in the interest of THE FREEMAN.

Regular services at St. Philip's Episcopal Church Sunday at 3:45 p. m. The public invited.

Mrs. Millie Alexander, the hair dresser and beauty culturist, was in Chicago this week on business.

Mrs. D. E. Skelton and Mrs. J. S. Bailley attended the M. E. Conference at Maysville, Ky., last week.

Queen Esther Court of Calanthe No. 264 celebrated its seventh anniversary at its hall Thursday evening.

The marriage of Mr. Joseph S. Williams and Miss Irene Poe took place Tuesday. Miss Poe is a teacher in the public schools.

Edward McWilliams, assistant to Mr. Thomas E. Taylor, General Secretary of the Colored Y. M. C. A., has recovered from a recent illness.

Mrs. Ida Bass and son Paul and Mrs. Cora Julius Spires, of Marion, Ind., were in the city last week to attend the Sumner League Minstrels.

Mr. Ernest Fidington, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Indiana, was in the city this week attending the Republican State convention.

Mr. Alex. Schooler, the popular tonsorial artist at Rape's barber shop, has recovered from an illness of several weeks and has returned to his position.

John Brown, who lived in Blake street, and who was taken to Chicago, Ill., a week ago, died Monday and was buried in that city last Thursday. He leaves a wife and a son.

Rev. J. S. Bailey will begin his work as superintendent of the Maysville (Ky.) District of the M. E. Church next week. Rev. Bailey and family are spending a few days at Newcastle this week.

Profs. R. A. Roberts, of New Albany; C. F. Maxwell, of Washington; D. W. Cain, of Seymour; R. F. Taylor, of Jeffersonville, and Miss Lulu B. Smith, of Princeton, were among the teachers present at the State Convention last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byrd celebrated Sydonia's sixth birthday with a pretty Bopeep party, last Saturday. The guests were asked to come to help her take care of her sheep. After their arrival, Sydonia, Bo-peep, led them into the parlor to find the sheep's tails. The prize was won by Master Robert Thomas. After the games and story telling the guests assembled in the dining room where the repast was served. The favors which were suggestive of the Mother Goose rhymes were drawn from the birthday pie. A delightful afternoon was spent, and many beautiful presents were received.

WILLIAMS IN THE CITY.

Mr. Bluford Williams, who for many years was a familiar character about the Indianapolis Sentinel, during its best days, is in the city visiting relatives and old friends. Mr. Williams comes from Chicago here. He has always carried the reputation of being one of the best men obtainable as a newspaper mailer, also he is familiar with any part of a cylinder press. During the reign of the Indianapolis Sentinel and Journal Mr. Williams was much sought after by these two newspapers, because "Black Annie" could deliver the goods in any part of a press or mailing room.

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Rev. H. J. Callis, Pastor.

Commencing with Tuesday, April 12, there will be prayer meetings held each evening, beginning at 8 o'clock and closing at 9:30. Prayer meetings will also be held in the afternoon at different hours during the week. Sunday, April 17, will open a series of extra meetings. Dr. Gaines, of St. Louis, Mo., is expected on the 18th. Mrs. Effie Payne Bushell, the gospel singer who sang in the Powell meetings, is also expected to assist Dr. Gaines in this series of meetings. The general public is cordially invited. Sunday morning the pastor will preach an evangelistic sermon. In the evening he will deliver a sermon to the board of managers of the Flanner Guild. At the close of the service an after-collection will be taken for the Flanner Guild work.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

April 27 is the day set for the great one-day special offer membership in the Colored Young Men's Christian Association. On that day all men who pay the regular annual membership fee of $2 will be given a bath privilege good for one year free of charge. This is an opportunity the like of which has never been offered before. One hundred men in one day is the stake set for this campaign. A committee of fifty men are to work in the special rally. This offer is made to non-members as well as to old members.

All men are invited to the Y. M. C. A. Forum, which is conducted at the Association building every Sunday from 3 to 5 p. m.

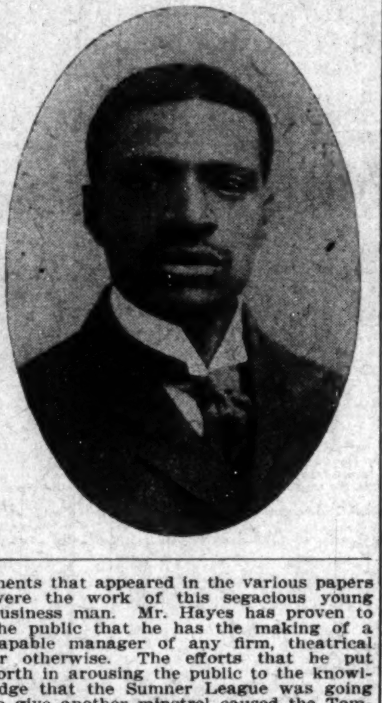
Special talks and open discussions. All men are invited. Subject next Sunday, "The Young Man." The meeting will be in charge of Mr. George Gore. Mr. J. E. Cottman will have charge of the singing, and Samuel Butler will read the Scripture lesson; 3 p. m. is the hour.

Gymnasium classes are conducted each Monday and Friday at 8 p. m.

Bathing department open daily except Sunday from 9:30 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.

A SUCCESS AS BUSINESS GUIDE.

Mr. Hayes Wilson is accountable for the splendid way in which the business management was taken care of for the Sumner League Minstrel and Promanade this year. All the "gingery" advertisements that appeared in the various papers were the work of this segacious young business man. Mr. Hayes has proven to the public that he has the making of a capable manager of any firm, theatrical or otherwise. The efforts that he put forth in arousing the public to the knowledge that the Sumner League was going to give another minstrel caused the Tomlinson Hall to be packed. No one could forget the date, for they saw it everywhere.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY EXECUTOR.

The undersigned, executor of the last will of Adam Griffin, deceased, hereby gives notice that by virtue of an order of the Hancock Circuit Court of Indiana, he will, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., on the 4th day of May, 1910, at 716 Blake street, in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, offer for sale at public sale, free of liens thereon, all the interest of said decedent in and to the following described real estate, situate in the city of Indianapolis, in Marion county, Indiana, to wit: Ninety feet off of the east end of lot seven, in John S. Spann's subdivision of lots two, three and four, in block eight, in Isaac Harris' subdivision of outlot one hundred and fifty-seven, in the city of Indianapolis, said premises being known as 716 Blake street, in said city, and said sale to be held upon the premises.

Said sale will be made subject to the approval of said court, for not less than two-thirds of the full appraised value of said real estate, and upon the following terms and conditions: At least one-third of the purchase money cash in hand, the balance in two equal installments, payable in not to exceed nine and eighteen months from date of sale, evidenced by notes of the purchaser bearing six per cent. interest from date, waiving relief, providing for attorney's fees and secured by first mortgage on the real estate sold, or the purchaser may pay all in cash at his option. An abstract can be seen at the office of the executor.

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Special to THE FREEMAN:

Easter week was marked by a number of notable social affairs, the most brilliant of which was the reception given by Mrs. J. Trusty and Mrs. Sadie Jones, of Idaho Falls.....Friday evening, April 1, at this time, Miss Vera Jones, eldest daughter of Mrs. Jones, was formally introduced to local society. She is a young lady of unusual attraction and well educated. Among the guests was Miss Belle Brooks. The gentlemen present included W. Jones, Mr. Forest Allen, Joseph Jones, Wm. Bell, Jos. Heath, David Clark, A. Parker, Jesse Stevens and James Leggrone.

EL PASO, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

McDowell and Overstreet are preparing to join the Parker Carnival Co. and Spiker Bros., who are making a hit in El Paso with their musical turn at the Crescent Theater....Miss A. Lee Ross and Miss Leach are visiting in California.... I. V. Burroughs, C. C. Moore and H. B. Langford hope to get the patent right on their improvement on pool and billiard tips soon, which is pending in Washington, D. C.....Mr. Veals has opened up a beautiful pool and billiard hall, with bar in connection....The K. of P. had their annual sermon preached Sunday, the 27th, at the A. M. E. Church....It is hoped that the Negro Chamber of Commerce will make a success.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

One of the pleasant social events of the the season was the marriage of Miss Annie Harris to Mr. Melcar Dunbar at the home of the bride's parents, Sunday evening, April 2. Many handsome presents were received, showing the high esteem in which the contracting parties were held....Mrs. Mary Killebrew is quite ill. ....Miss Hattie Taylor continues very sick....Mrs. Sue Wilcox is confined to her room on account of illness....Mr. Clayton Cross and son are very ill.... Mrs. Hattie Bibb is home sick....Mrs. Burns, of Guthrie, is in the city today.... Mr. Wm. Barksdale and family have gone to St. Louis to live. The best wishes of a host of friends follow them....Prof. Houston Roberts is slowly improving from a stroke of paralysis

DECATUR, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. William A. Thomas and Miss L. Johnson gave a most excellent recital at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church Wednesday evening. Mr. Thomas's address on the promotion of literature concerning the race was fine. He also recited some famous poems of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, which were highly appreciated. Miss Johnson rendered artistically some music of the famous Negro composer, Mr. S. Taylor.... Mr. A. Brown, of Danville, formerly of this city, is here visiting friends....Mr. Donaldson, of Springfield, was in the city Sunday, and gave very interesting talks to the Sunday-school and Allen League, Sr. ....Mr. E. Pierce of St. Louis, is here visiting friends....Don't fail to get the special sporting number, issued April 16, from William Nickens, 1026 North Monroe street.

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